I REALLY HAVE VERY FEW APPEAR-ANCES....
It's cold in all sorts of ways.
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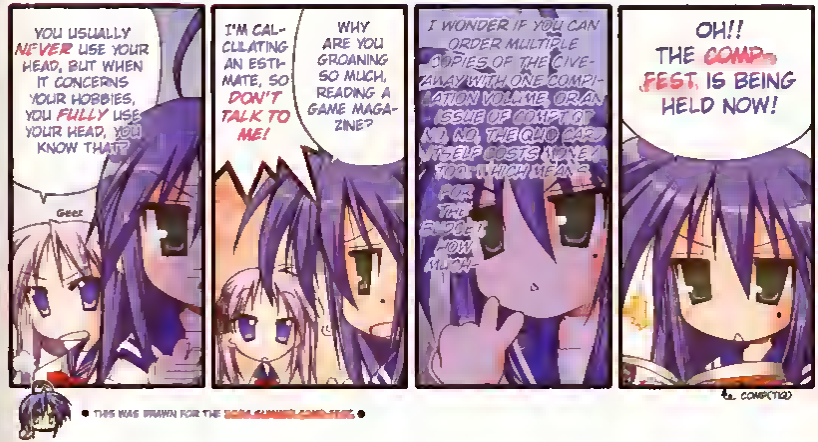
YOU USUALLY NEVER USE YOUR HEAD, BUT WHEN IT CONCERNS YOUR HOBBIES, YOU FULLY USE YOUR HEAD, YOU KNOW THAT?
Geez
I'M CALCULATING AN ESTIMATE, SO DON'T TALK TO ME!
WHY ARE YOU GROANING SO MUCH, READING A GAME MAGAZINE?
I WONDER IF YOU CAN ORDER MULTIPLE COPIES OF THE GIVEAWAY WITH ONE COMPILATION VOLUME, OR AN ISSUE OF COMPTIQ, AND NO, THE QUIZ CARD TO HELP COSTS MONEY TOO. WHICH WEAK
FOR THE BUDGET HOW MUCH
OH!! THE COMP FEST IS BEING HELD NOW!
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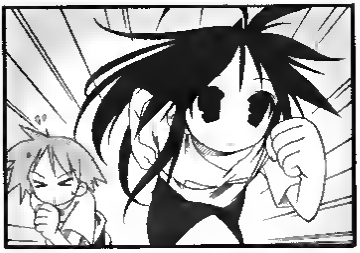

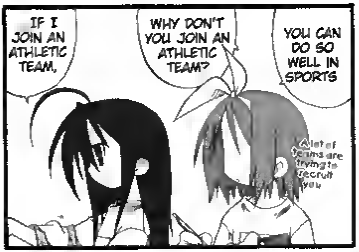
IF I JOIN AN ATHLETIC TEAM,
WHY DON'T YOU JOIN AN ATHLETIC TEAM?
YOU CAN DO SO WELL IN SPORTS
A lot of teams are trying to recruit you

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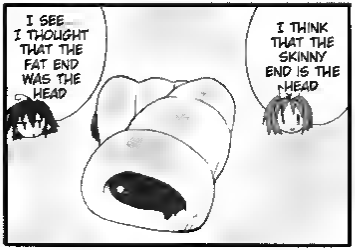
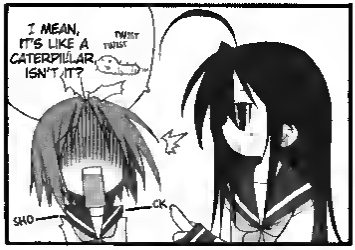
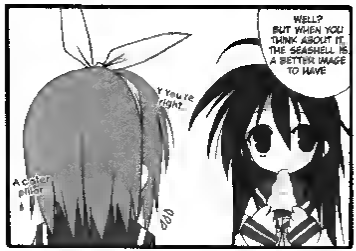
head



WHAT ABOUT YOU, KONA-CHAN? WHY?
I MEAN, IT'S LIKE A SEASHELL, RIGHT? IT'S
This is the head
BUT WHY DO YOU THINK THE SKINNY END IS THE HEAD?





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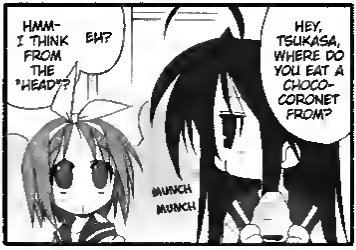

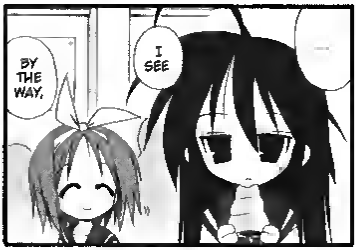

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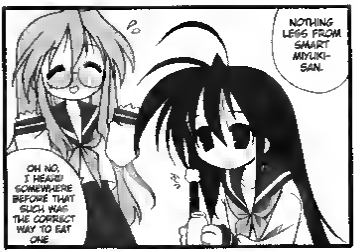

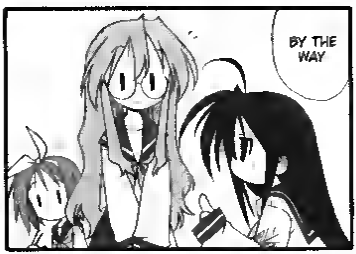

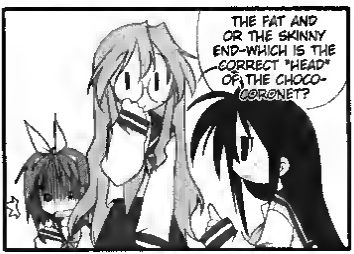

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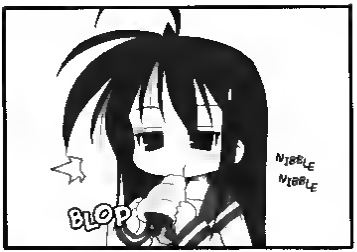

KONATA IZUMI

A girl that lives at her own pace, with tremendous athletic talent. However, she's not what you call a girl of sports – she's a girl that loves anime and games. Her senses are slightly off from normal people. As a compliment, one would say "she has a unique sensibility."

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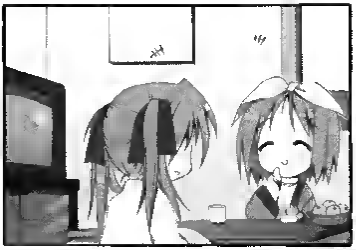
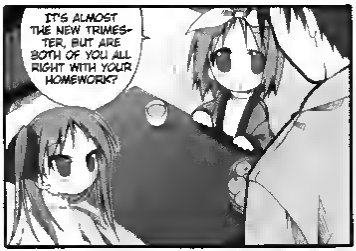
older sister





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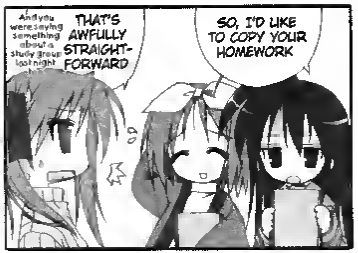

And you were saying something about a study group last night, right?
THAT'S AWFULLY STRAIGHT-FORWARD
SO, I'D LIKE TO COPY YOUR HOMEWORK

YOU'LL DO HORRIBLY ON THE EXAMS THAT YOU HAVE TO TAKE RIGHT AFTER VACATION IS OVER, YOU KNOW?
THUD
IT'S OKAY IF YOU WANT TO COPY MY HOMEWORK. BUT IF YOU DON'T TAKE THE EFFORT TO DO IT YOURSELF...

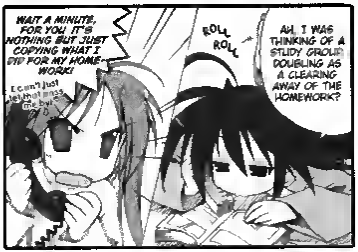
YOU'RE RIGHT... IT WON'T BE FOR MY BENEFIT.
YOU YUU
SULK

YOU SHOULD THINK IT OVER FOR A MINUTE TOO!
That doesn't get down to the core of the problem.
I'M GOOD AT STUDYING ONLY THE NIGHT BEFORE AN EXAM, SO IT'S ALL RIGHT.
FLAT-OUT

YEAH.
KAGAMI, A PHONE CALL FROM MIYUKI-CHAN!

OH, THAT'S A GOOD IDEA, LET'S DO IT. LET'S DO IT.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOLD A STUDY GROUP? WE COULD CHECK ANSWERS FOR OUR HOMEWORK AGAINST ONE ANOTHER AS WELL.

KAGAMI, A PHONE CALL FROM KONATA-CHAN!


WAIT A MINUTE. FOR YOU, IT'S NOTHING BUT JUST COPYING WHAT I DID FOR MY HOMEWORK!
I can't just let that pass by.
ROLL ROLL
AH, I WAS THINKING OF A STUDY GROUP DOUBLING AS A CLEARING AWAY OF THE HOMEWORK?

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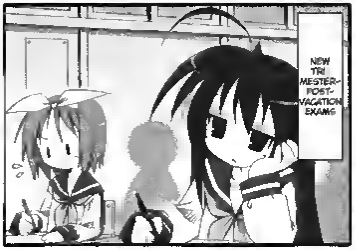
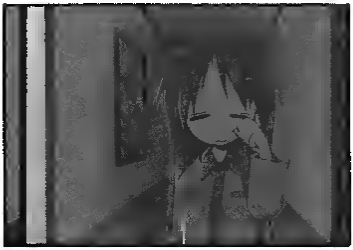
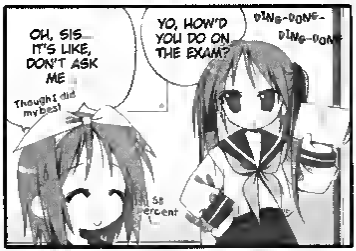
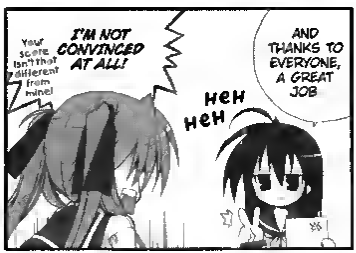
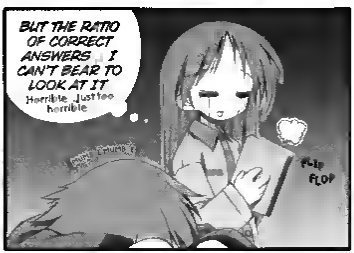
efforts and results











TSUKASA HIIRAGI

Kagami's twin sister, the younger twin
A normal girl with normal grades and normal athletic reflexes. A caring person that can be swept away by the atmosphere. She may be pretty tough mentally, she can adapt to all of Konata's aloof comments.

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episode 3
unchanging everyday life

YOU KNOW, DON'T YOU THINK IT'S MORE ABOUT THEM PLAYING TOO MANY OF THESE DATING SIMS OR PORN GAMES, MORE SO THAN THEIR MORALS?
Those are really common situations too.
AND SO THERE SEEMS TO BE AN INCREASE IN TEACHERS WHO COMMIT CRIMES.

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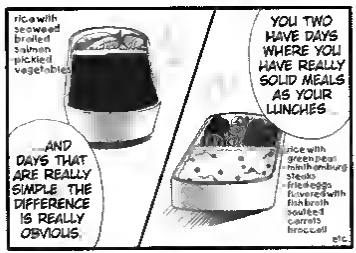
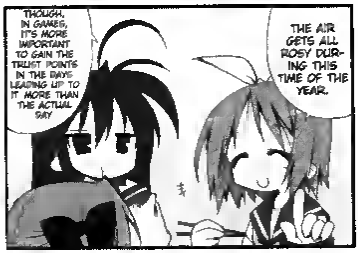
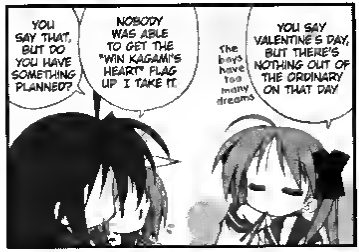
BY THE WAY, I JUST NOTICED THIS JUST NOW

COME TO THINK, YOU'RE RIGHT.
THAT REMINDS ME, IT'S ALMOST VALENTINE'S DAY.

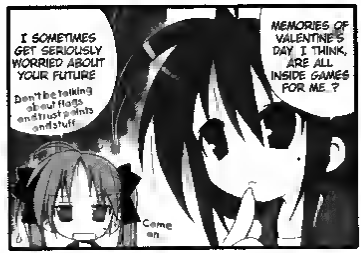

rice with seaweed broiled salmon pickled vegetables
...AND DAYS THAT ARE REALLY SIMPLE. THE DIFFERENCE IS REALLY OBVIOUS.
YOU TWO HAVE DAYS WHERE YOU HAVE REALLY SOLID MEALS AS YOUR LUNCHES
rice with green peas mini hamburg steaks fried eggs flowered with fish broth sautéed carrots broccoli etc.


THOUGH, IN GAMES, IT'S MORE IMPORTANT TO GAIN THE TRUST POINTS IN THE DAYS LEADING UP TO IT MORE THAN THE ACTUAL DAY
THE AIR GETS ALL ROSY DURING THIS TIME OF THE YEAR.

I'M TERRIBLE AT HOUSEHOLD CHORES, SO MY LUNCHES END UP WITH STUFF THAT'S EASY TO MAKE.
Excuse me for it being simple
TSUKASA AND I ALTERNATE MAKING LUNCHES


YOU SAY THAT, BUT DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING PLANNED?
NOBODY WAS ABLE TO GET THE "WIN KAGAMI'S HEART" FLAG UP I TAKE IT.
The boys have too many dreams
YOU SAY VALENTINE'S DAY, BUT THERE'S NOTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY ON THAT DAY

FOR SOME REASON, YOUR BRAIN ALWAYS HAS A LAYER OF A "MANGA-ESQUE FILTER" ON IT.
People like that don't exist in reality
WHAT? KAGAMI, ARE YOU THE TYPE THAT BLOWS UP COOKING POTS WHEN YOU TRY TO COOK?
ANTSY ANTSY

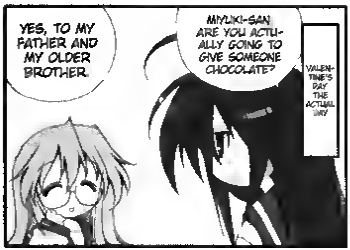

I SOMETIMES GET SERIOUSLY WORRIED ABOUT YOUR FUTURE
Don't be talking about flags and trust points and stuff.
MEMORIES OF VALENTINE'S DAY. I THINK, ARE ALL INSIDE GAMES FOR ME..?
Come on.

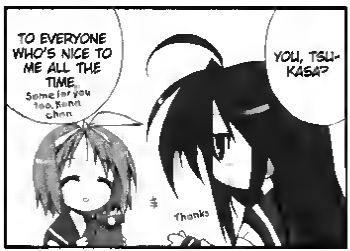
OH, BUT I UNDERSTAND HOW IT WORKS A BIT.
BUT EACH YEAR, THIS ATMOSPHERE THAT PRETENDS TO BE NORMAL BUT WITH FLEEING SIGNS OF TENSION IS REALLY TICKLISH.

AND IF YOU END UP CONFIRMING YOUR FEELINGS FOR ONE ANOTHER, I WOULD THINK THAT IT WOULD BE A VERY WONDERFUL THING
ON DAYS LIKE THIS THAT EVERYONE CAN FEEL IS A SPECIAL DAY IF YOU CONFESS OR GET CONFESSED TRUE LOVE

WELL, EVEN FOR ME, IF YOU SAID IT WAS SPECIAL, IT MIGHT BE.
SIGH TSUKASA, YOU'RE SUCH A MAIDEN
Though I wouldn't go so far as to say this is up to campaigning of the confectionary industry.

HOW TO PUT IT YOU HAVE NO DREAMS AT ALL, DO YOU?
Or rather you're just cheap
Miyuki-san is always the confectioners chocolate thief and loves chocolates
BECAUSE EVERY YEAR, THE LEFTOVER CHOCOLATES GO ON SALE FOR DIRT CHEAP


YES, TO MY FATHER AND MY OLDER BROTHER.
MIYUKI-SAN ARE YOU ACTUALLY GOING TO GIVE SOMEONE CHOCOLATE?
VALENTINE'S DAY THE ACTUAL DAY


TO EVERYONE WHO'S NICE TO ME ALL THE TIME.
Some for you too, Saint Chan
YOU, TSUKASA?
Thanks

NOTHING
And stop mentioning "Reiasi"
YOU, KAGAMI?
It doesn't look like you have any flags up

HOLD IT. I DON'T WANT TO HEAR THAT FROM SOMEONE THAT LIVES IN THE GAME WORLD
It's really none of your business
OH BROTHER, EVERYONE IS SPENDING A VERY BORING ST. VALENTINE'S.
FRAG

KAGAMI HIIRAGI

Tsukasa's twin sister, the older twin. However, she is not like her younger sister and has very good grades. She is the type that works hard when nobody is looking, and loves to put up a front. Konata is a friend through her younger sister. Though they are in different homeroom classes, she visits the two often.

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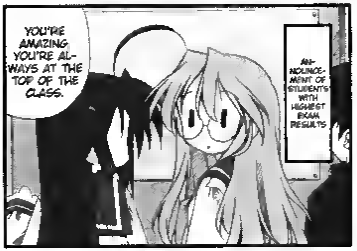
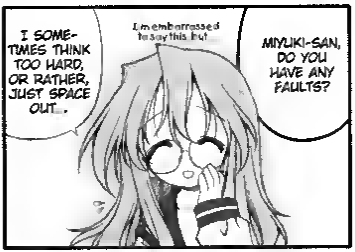
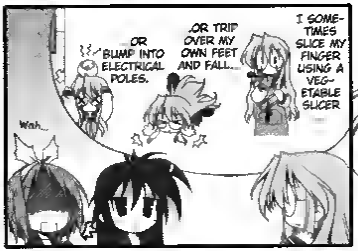
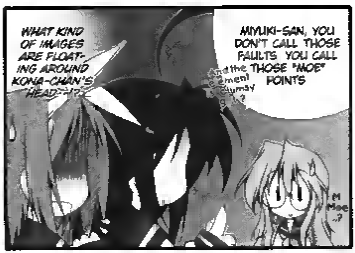
episode 4
the other side of the lens








WHAT KIND OF IMAGES ARE FLOATING AROUND KONA-CHAN'S HEAD?!?
MIYUKI-SAN, YOU DON'T CALL THOSE FAULTS YOU CALL THOSE "MOE" POINTS
Is that a mem clumsy ?
Moe ~?

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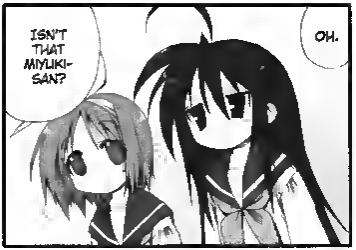
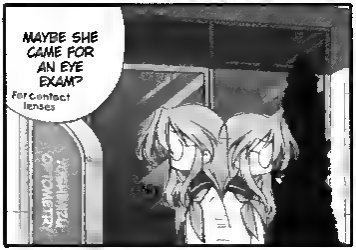
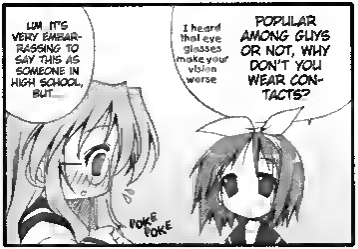
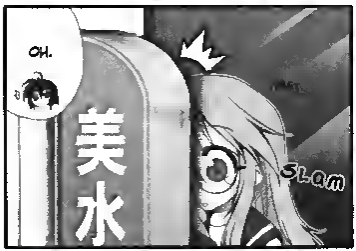

ISN'T THAT MIYUKI-SAN?
OH.

YOU KNOW YOU CAN ONLY TARGET A CERTAIN TYPE OF AUDIENCE THAT WAY.
MIYUKI-SAN, YOU HAVE GOOD LOOKS-SO WHY DO YOU WEAR GLASSES?
Target


MAYBE SHE CAME FOR AN EYE EXAM?
For contact lenses


UM, IT'S VERY EMBARRASSING TO SAY THIS AS SOMEONE IN HIGH SCHOOL, BUT...
I heard that eye glasses make your vision worse
POPULAR AMONG GUYS OR NOT, WHY DON'T YOU WEAR CONTACTS?
POKE POKE

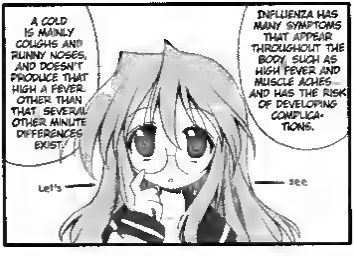

OH.
美水
SLAM

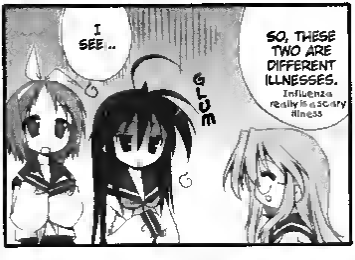
W-WELL... I'M SCARED OF CONTACT LENSES.
OR RATHER, OF PUTTING ANYTHING INSIDE MY EYE.
I mean, that I can't keep my eyes open underwater

MAYBE IT'S BETTER FOR MIYUKI-SAN TO STAY THAT WAY
I tell you a natural monument!
That looks painful
Embarrassing
FLAP FLAP

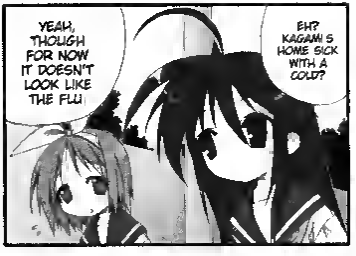
DAMMIT... THIS GIRL IS NATURALLY CUTE
She's one of those "natural beauties"
RUMBLE

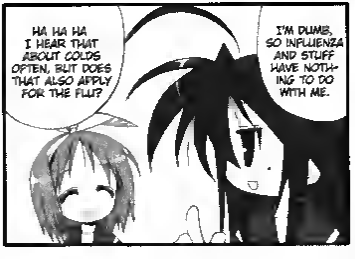
EH? THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN INFLUENZA AND A COLD?
Yup yup

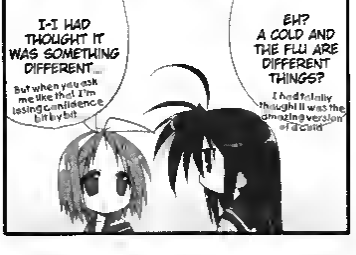

A COLD IS MAINLY COUGHS AND RUNNY NOSES, AND DOESN'T PRODUCE THAT HIGH A FEVER. OTHER THAN THAT SEVERAL OTHER MINUTE DIFFERENCES EXIST.
INFLUENZA HAS MANY SYMPTOMS THAT APPEAR THROUGHOUT THE BODY SUCH AS HIGH FEVER AND MUSCLE ACHES... AND HAS THE RISK OF DEVELOPING COMPLICATIONS.
Let's
see

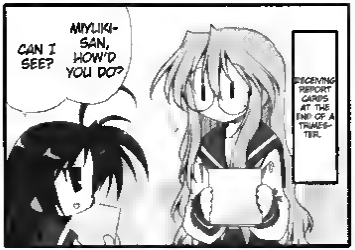

I SEE..
GLOB
SO, THESE TWO ARE DIFFERENT ILLNESSES.
Influenza really is a scary illness

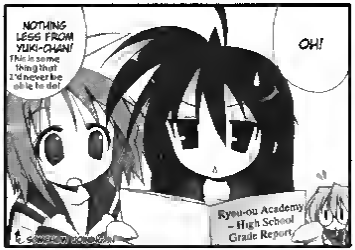
I SEE!
BRIGHTEN
After all most colds are spread by viruses as well
B-BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF COMMON SYMPTOMS AS WELL, SO IF YOU'D LIKE TO SAY THAT IT IS A SCALED-UP VERSION. IT MIGHT JUST BE THE CASE THAT YOU AREN'T MISTAKEN


YEAH, THOUGH FOR NOW IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THE FLU.
EH? KAGAMI S HOME SICK WITH A COLD?


HA HA HA I HEAR THAT ABOUT COLDS OFTEN, BUT DOES THAT ALSO APPLY FOR THE FLU?
I'M DUMB, SO INFLUENZA AND STUFF HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH ME.


I-I HAD THOUGHT IT WAS SOMETHING DIFFERENT...
But when you ask me like that I'm losing confidence little bit
EH? A COLD AND THE FLU ARE DIFFERENT THINGS?
I definitely thought it was the "amazing version" of a cold


CAN I SEE?
MIYUKI-SAN, HOW'D YOU DO?
RECEIVING REPORT CARDS AT THE END OF A TRIMESTER.


NOTHING LESS FROM YUKI-CHAN!
This is something that I'd never be able to do!
OH!
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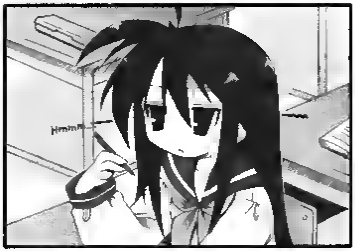
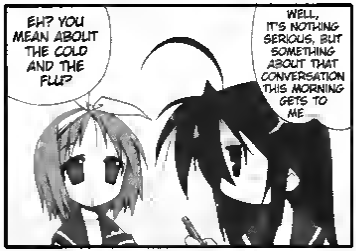
YUKI-CHAN IS AT THE TOP END OF OUR GRADUATING CLASS, SO I DON'T THINK YOU CAN DO MUCH ABOUT IT.
UGH, I'M JUST A BIT FRUSTRATED THAT I'M LOSING AGAINST HER.
There's no way that we'll be able to win it.
Ryou-ou Academy – High School Grade Report

I'M TALKING ABOUT STUFF LIKE BREAST SIZE
See this?
NO, I DON'T CARE MUCH ABOUT GRADES
POOF


Hmmm

KONA-CHAN, WHAT'S WRONG? YOU HAVE A VERY COMPLICATED LOOK ON YOUR FACE


EH? YOU MEAN ABOUT THE COLD AND THE FLU?
WELL, IT'S NOTHING SERIOUS, BUT SOMETHING ABOUT THAT CONVERSATION THIS MORNING GETS TO ME

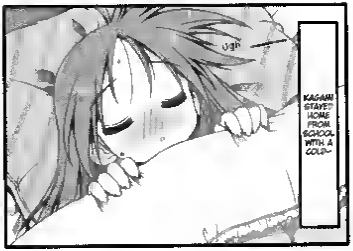
I was just worried about the difference between a cold and the flu
N-NO, WAIT, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT...
I WAS THINKING, TSUKASA, YOU DIDN'T DENY THE FACT THAT I WAS DUMB
SIGH

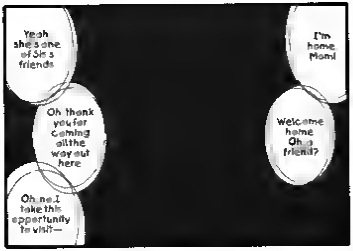
visiting the sick

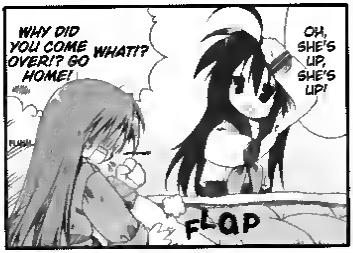
I HAD THOUGHT THAT SHE ONLY THINKS ABOUT GAMES AND ANIME ALL THE TIME BUT THIS IS REALLY TOUCHING, YOU KNOW?
DANG... WHAT'S WITH THIS? IT'S MAKING ME HAPPY MAYBE SHE'S WORRIED FOR ME BECAUSE THAT NEW STRAIN OF VIRUSES IS GETTING AROUND..

YOU! GO HOME!
So you don't have to worry about it!
OH, AND I GOT TO SEE A CUTE SLEEPING FACE TOO.
LIKE SPRING VACATION HOMEWORK
I'm not going to do homework today!

somewhat embarrassing




Yeah she's one of Sis's friends
I'm home, Mom!
Oh thank you for coming all the way out here
Welcome home. Oh is friend?
Oh no, I take this opportunity to visit—



MIYUKI TAKARA

Classmates with Konata and Tsukasa. Great looks, good grades, wonderful manners make her a model student, but she can be a natural ditz at times. She got to know Kagami well from both of them being class representatives, which led to her friendship with the other two girls.

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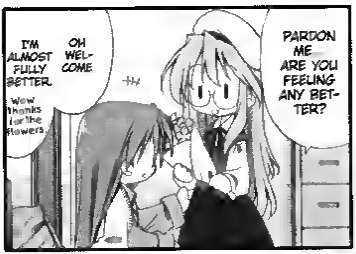

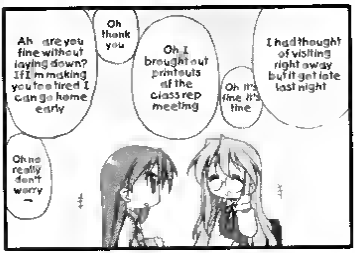
Ah... are you fine without laying down? If I'm making you to tired I can go home early
Oh thank you
Oh, I brought out printouts of the class rep meeting
I had thought of visiting right away but it get late last night
Oh it's fine it's fine
Oh no really don't worry —

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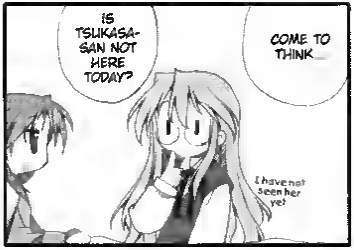
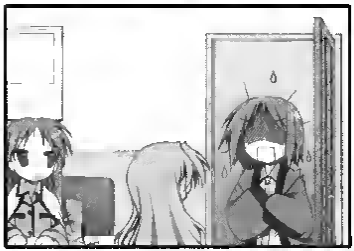
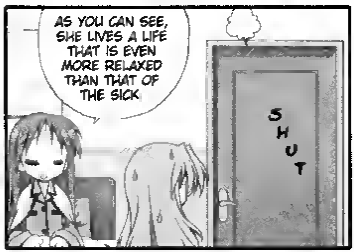
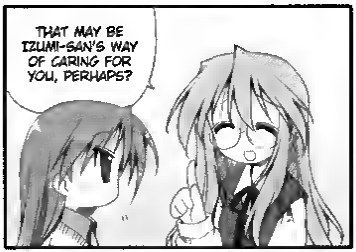
how to spend a long vacation







how a good person thinks



AND ABOUT YOUR FACE AS YOU SLEPT, MAYBE SHE COULDN'T HELP IT BECAUSE SHE WAS DOING HER BEST TO NOT BE ROWDY.
SHE MAY HAVE TRIED TO MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER, KAGAMI-SAN. BY KIDDING AROUND ABOUT THE HOMEWORK.

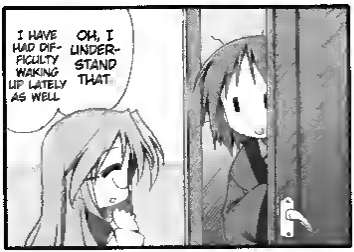
the promised day

RIGHT. I'M DONE WITH MY HOME-WORK TOO
BUT TOMORROW? SURE, I'VE GOTTEN OVER MY COLD SO WE SHOULD GO OUT AND PLAY FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A WHILE!

YOU KNOW, YOU...
Or rather you really have zero intent of doing it yourself don't you...
I MEAN, DON'T YOU THINK THAT YOU HAVE TO TELL SOME LIE ON APRIL FOOL'S DAY?
I'm glad I remembered.

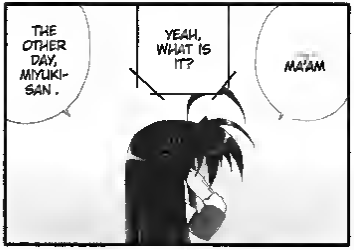
honesty and kindness

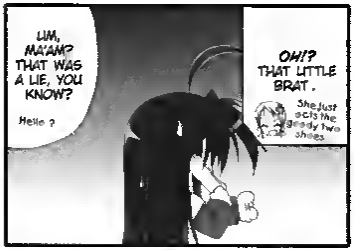
U-UM I'M USUALLY NOT LIKE THIS, BUT TODAY IT WAS LIKE, HOW DO THEY SAY, SPRING SLEEP NEVER KNOWS SOMETHING OR ANOTHER...
Oh sorry for the late greet I'm welcome to your home
CLICK



OH, YOU KNOW, SOMEHOW... I SEE AN ENDLESS STREAM OF A DITZY COMMENTS FOLLOWED BY A COMPLIMENT
TEAR
You still cared for me even though I'm like this?
That's fine. I'll just change my clothes

retaliation



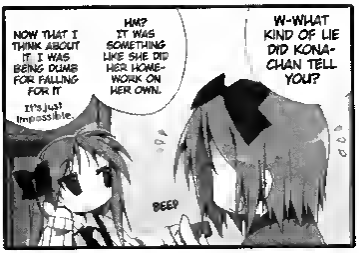


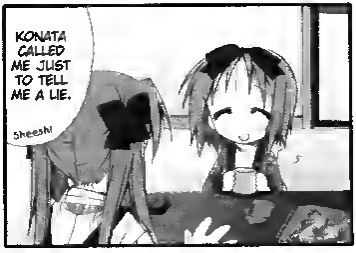
found a bored person

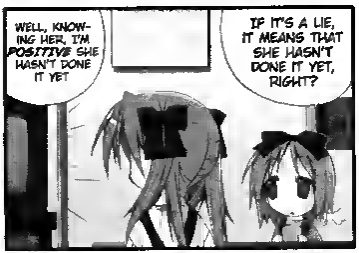
YOU'RE SO BORED. YOU'RE THE ONLY PERSON THAT WOULD CALL AT THIS TIME OF DAY JUST TO TELL A LIE
Farnow I'llsee youtomorrow
CLICK

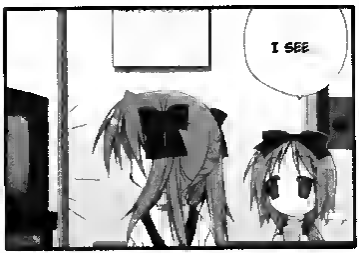
no progress

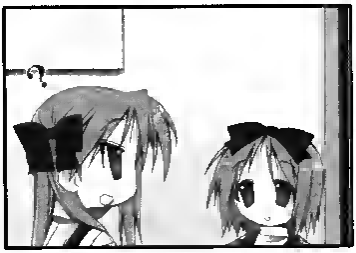
since we're here

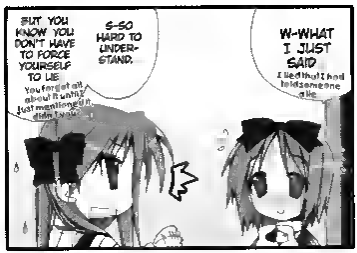

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT I WAS BEING DUMB FOR FALLING FOR IT
It's just impossible.
HM? IT WAS SOMETHING LIKE SHE DID HER HOMEWORK ON HER OWN.
W-WHAT KIND OF LIE DID KONA-CHAN TELL YOU?
BEEP

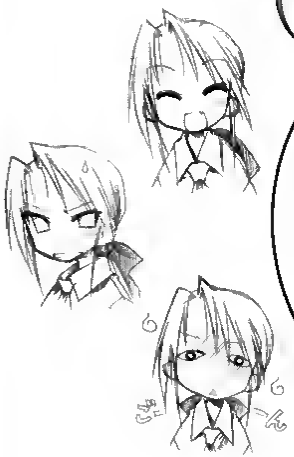









BUT YOU KNOW YOU DON'T HAVE TO FORCE YOURSELF TO LIE.
You forgot all about it, only just mentioned it, didn't you?
S-SO HARD TO UNDER-STAND.
W-WHAT I JUST SAID
I lied that I had told someone a lie.



NANAKO KUROI

Homeroom teacher for Konata's class
A teacher that feels more like a friend that every school has at least one of. She and Konata tend each other games a lot. The subject she teaches is world history.

Lucky☆Star

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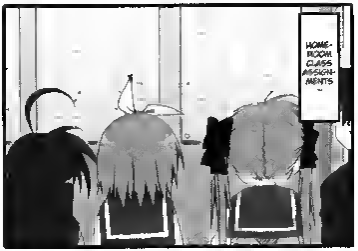
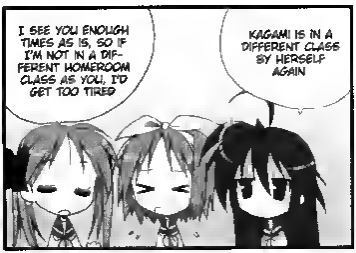
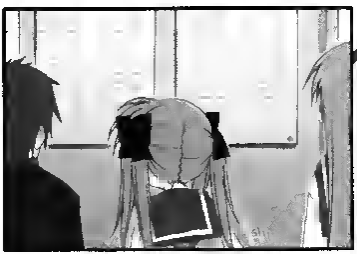
a season of new beginnings.. maybe




I SEE YOU ENOUGH TIMES AS IS, SO IF I'M NOT IN A DIFFERENT HOMEROOM CLASS AS YOU, I'D GET TOO TIRED
KAGAMI IS IN A DIFFERENT CLASS BY HERSELF AGAIN



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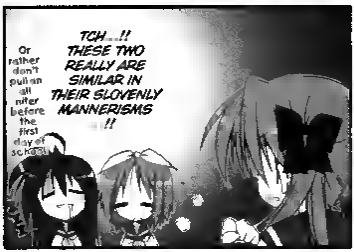
dignity

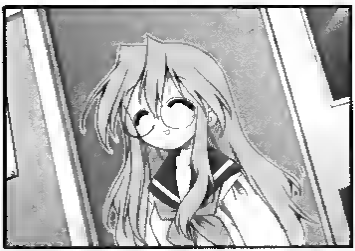
YOU GUYS ALL HAVE MOVED UP A GRADE. SO DON'T FEEL LIKE YOU'RE ON VACATION FOREVER AND DO YOUR BEST WITH A CHANGE OF HEART!
YEAH, I'M KUROI, AND I'LL BE YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHER

Similarities

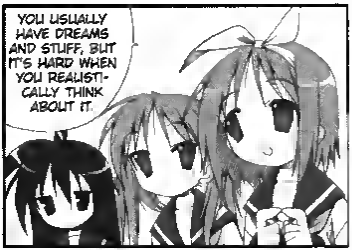
I HAVEN'T SLEPT AT ALL FOR THE PAST THREE DAYS PLAYING GAMES.
I think I'm going to die
WHAT? DID YOU GET IN THE HABIT OF SLEEPING IN, TOO?

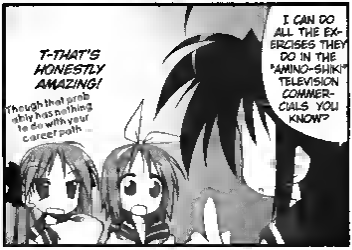

TCH...!! THESE TWO REALLY ARE SIMILAR IN THEIR SLOVENLY MANNERISMS...!!
Or rather don't pull an all nighter before the first day of school

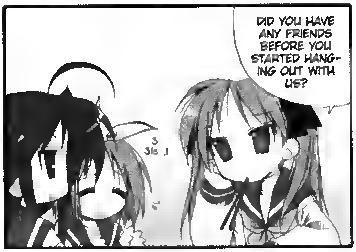
it is on my mind, after all



in all reality, it's hard to make a choice




T-THAT'S HONESTLY AMAZING!
Though that probably has nothing to do with your career path...
I CAN DO ALL THE EXERCISES THEY DO IN THE "AMINO-SHIKI" TELEVISION COMMERCIALS YOU KNOW?


DID YOU HAVE ANY FRIENDS BEFORE YOU STARTED HANGING OUT WITH US?
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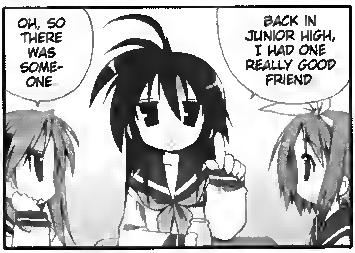
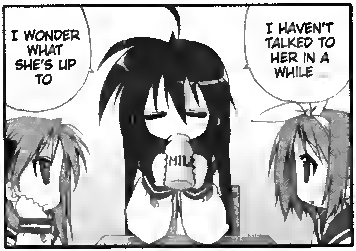
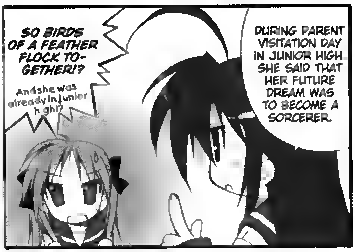
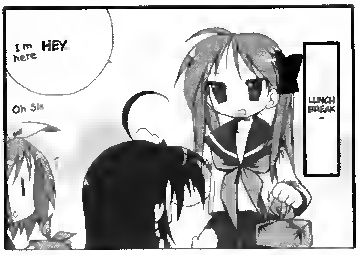

OH, SO THERE WAS SOMEONE
BACK IN JUNIOR HIGH, I HAD ONE REALLY GOOD FRIEND

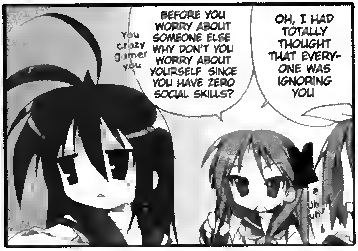

I WONDER WHAT SHE'S UP TO
I HAVEN'T TALKED TO HER IN A WHILE
SNIFF

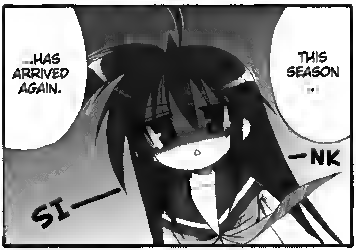

SO BIRDS OF A FEATHER FLOCK TOGETHER!?
And she was already in Junior high right?
DURING PARENT VISITATION DAY IN JUNIOR HIGH SHE SAID THAT HER FUTURE DREAM WAS TO BECOME A SORCERER.


I'm here HEY
Oh Sis
LUNCH BREAK ~

I JUST HAD A THOUGHT .

DON'T THINK THAT I'M THE SAME AS YOU
Are you trying to pick a fight?
BUT DON'T YOU HAVE FRIENDS IN YOUR OWN HOME-ROOM CLASS?
KAGAMI, YOU COME VISIT US OFTEN,


You crazy gamer you
BEFORE YOU WORRY ABOUT SOMEONE ELSE WHY DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT YOURSELF SINCE YOU HAVE ZERO SOCIAL SKILLS?
OH, I HAD TOTALLY THOUGHT THAT EVERY-ONE WAS IGNORING YOU
Uh huh


...HAS ARRIVED AGAIN.
THIS SEASON..
-NK
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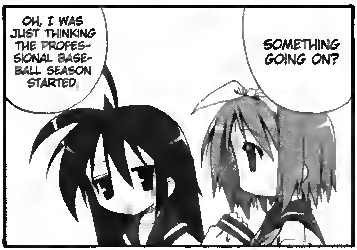
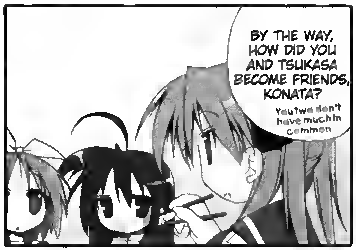
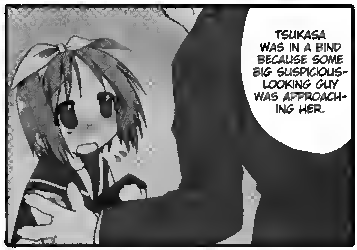
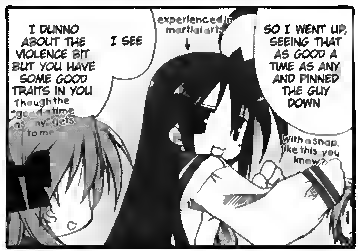

OH, I WAS JUST THINKING THE PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL SEASON STARTED.
SOMETHING GOING ON?

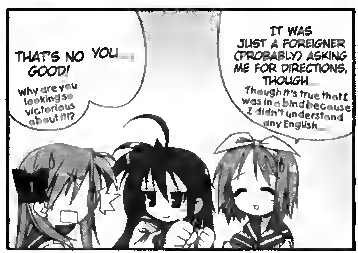
YOU'RE SO ATHLETIC, I THOUGHT YOU WOULD LIKE STUFF OF THAT SORT.
KONA-CHAN, DON'T YOU LIKE WATCHING SPORTS AND STUFF?

BUT, USUALLY THEY EXTEND THE BROADCAST AND ALL THE PROGRAMS THAT FOLLOW GET DELAYED, SO IT SCREWS UP MY SCHEDULE.
And sometimes they cancel broadcast of some late-night animes shows altogether...


BY THE WAY, HOW DID YOU AND TSUKASA BECOME FRIENDS, KONATA?
You two don't have much in common


TSUKASA WAS IN A BIND BECAUSE SOME BIG SUSPICIOUS-LOOKING GUY WAS APPROACHING HER.


I DUNNO ABOUT THE VIOLENCE BIT BUT YOU HAVE SOME GOOD TRAITS IN YOU. Though the [illegible] weights to me...
I SEE
experienced in martial arts
SO I WENT UP, SEEING THAT AS GOOD A TIME AS ANY AND PINNED THE GUY DOWN
With a Snap, like this, you knew?


THAT'S NO GOOD!
Why are you looking so victorious about it?
IT WAS JUST A FOREIGNER (PROBABLY) ASKING ME FOR DIRECTIONS, THOUGH...
Though it's true that it was in a bind because I didn't understand any English...

YUI NARUMI

Konata's cousin who is a female police officer that works in the traffic rules department. Perhaps it's in their blood, but she lives her life at her own pace much like Konata. She is most good at jumping to conclusions, and her pet phrase is "That's a surprise!" She's a newlywed that just recently got married.

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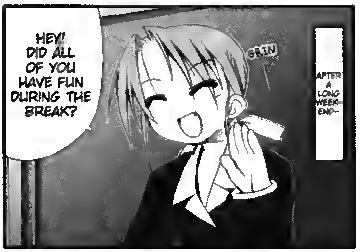
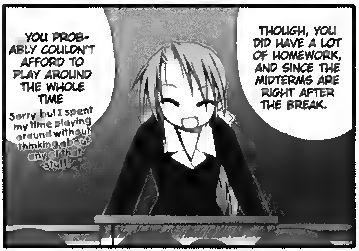
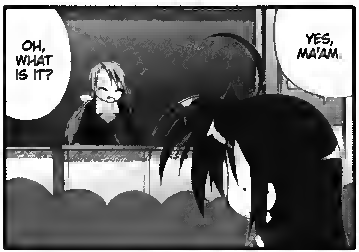
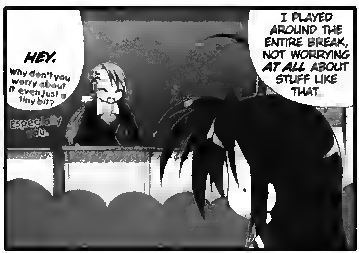
ideals




YOU PROB-ABLY COULDN'T AFFORD TO PLAY AROUND THE WHOLE TIME
Sorry, but I spent my time playing around with all thinking of for any time!
THOUGH, YOU DID HAVE A LOT OF HOMEWORK, AND SINCE THE MIDTERMS ARE RIGHT AFTER THE BREAK.




HEY.
Why don't you worry about it even just a tiny bit?
Especially you.
I PLAYED AROUND THE ENTIRE BREAK, NOT WORRYING AT ALL ABOUT STUFF LIKE THAT.

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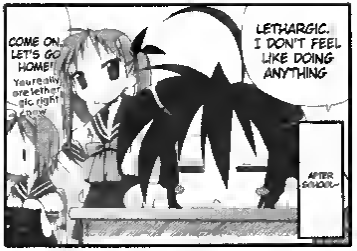
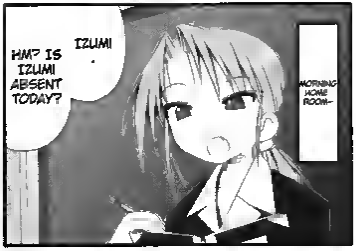
energy



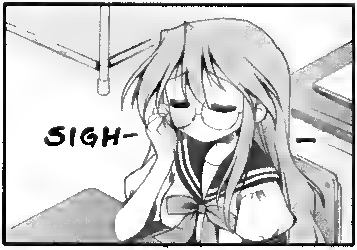
YOU REALLY ARE EASY TO UNDERSTAND
You gain energy as soon as it involves your hobby
ALL RIGHT, I GUESS I'LL GET A PART-TIME JOB
It looks like I'll be able to money next month~

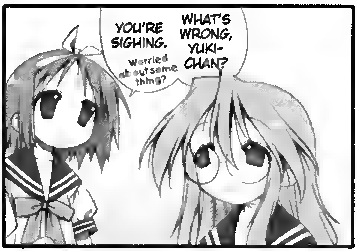
heavily ill



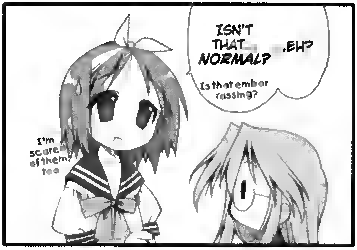
ENOUGH OF THAT, GET YOUR BUTT OVER HERE NOW!!
Do you want me to smack you?
NO... I JUST GOT A BAD CASE OF THE MAY BLUES...
I'm extremely lethargic
RUMBLE
RUMBLE

huh?

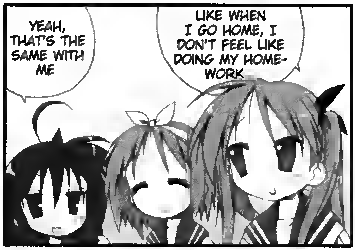


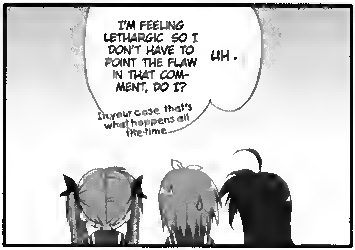


BUT I HAD BEEN AVOIDING THE DENTIST BECAUSE THEY SCARE ME AND IN DOING SO MY CAVITY GOT WORSE
I have frail teeth so I get cavities even if I prepare brush my teeth
LIKE WHEN I TALKED ABOUT CONTACT LENSES IT'S EMBARRASSING TO SAY THIS WHEN WE'RE SO OLD.



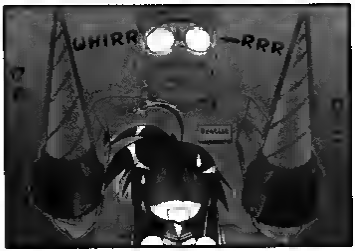
lethargic

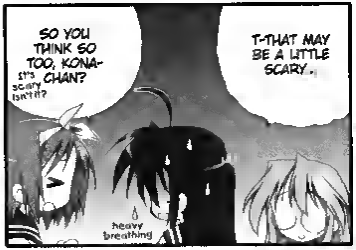




dentist

THAT, AND DON'T FORGET THE SOUND OF THE SPINNING DRILLS!
THAT DISTINCT MEDICINE-Y SMELL IN THE DENTIST'S OFFICE... THE TENSION YOU FEEL IN THE WAITING ROOM...





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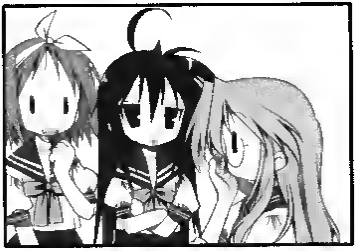
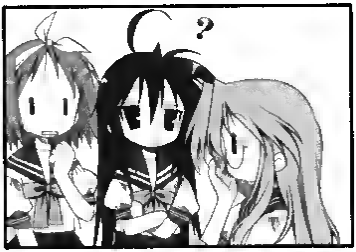
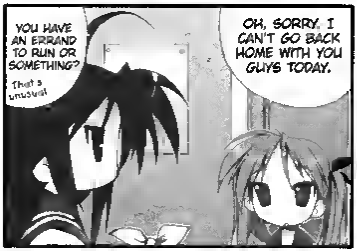




BUT FOR SOME REASON, YOU JUST DON'T WANT TO GO TO THE DENTIST'S OFFICE...
IT REALLY IS A STRANGE THING, BUT WHEN MY TEETH START TO HURT, I KNOW THAT IT WILL BE TOUGH FOR ME...

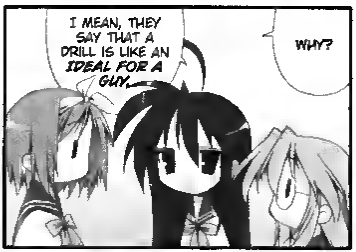
YO, YOU TWO LET'S GO BACK
Wait just a minute

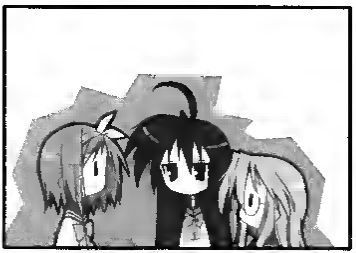

YOU HAVE AN ERRAND TO RUN OR SOMETHING?
That's unusual
OH, SORRY. I CAN'T GO BACK HOME WITH YOU GUYS TODAY.

I SEE...
YEAH, WELL, I STARTED A PART-TIME JOB

WAIT, SHE REALLY GOT A PART-TIME JOB?
Is the "Camp Fest" that important to her?

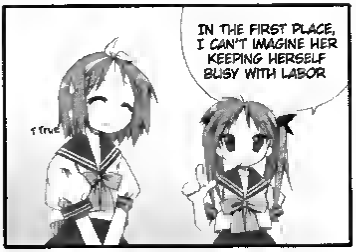
BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE BOYS MIGHT LIKE DENTISTS


I MEAN, THEY SAY THAT A DRILL IS LIKE AN IDEAL FOR A GUY...
WHY?

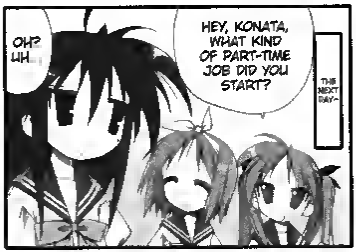


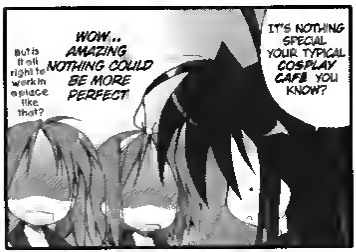
NO. LOOKING AT IT IS ONE THING BUT I THINK THEY WOULD STILL HATE THEIR TEETH BEING SHAVED OFF.
Is that so?

right girl in the right place

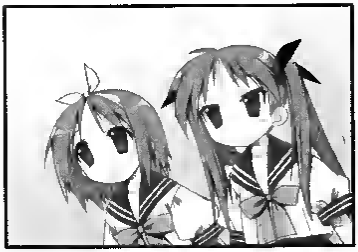


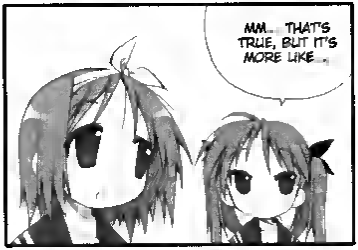
MAYBE SOMETHING LIKE A BOOK-STORE?
She likes manga and stuff after all.
I WONDER WHERE SHE'S WORKING?
I guess I'll ask her tomorrow

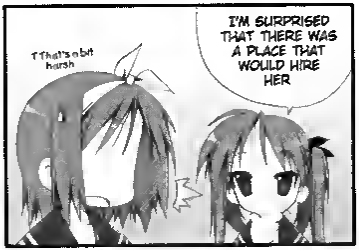



WOW... AMAZING NOTHING COULD BE MORE PERFECT
But is it all right to work in a place like that?
IT'S NOTHING SPECIAL YOUR TYPICAL COSPLAY CAFÉ YOU KNOW?

and some gods pick them up







Lucky☆Star

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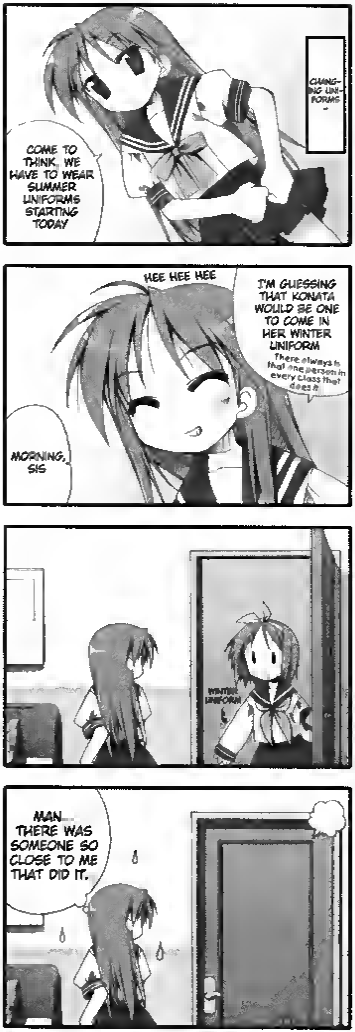
various appearances, but contents are still the same


CHANGING UNIFORMS
COME TO THINK, WE HAVE TO WEAR SUMMER UNIFORMS STARTING TODAY
HEE HEE HEE
I'M GUESSING THAT KONATA WOULD BE ONE TO COME IN HER WINTER UNIFORM
There always is that one person in every class that does it
MORNING, SIS
WINTER UNIFORM
MAN... THERE WAS SOMEONE SO CLOSE TO ME THAT DID IT.

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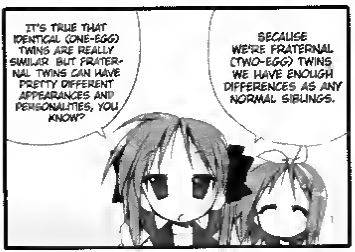
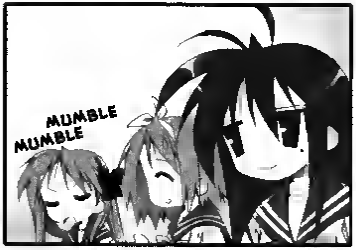
twins


IT'S TRUE THAT IDENTICAL (ONE-EGG) TWINS ARE REALLY SIMILAR. BUT FRATERNAL (TWO-EGG) TWINS CAN HAVE PRETTY DIFFERENT APPEARANCES AND PERSONALITIES, YOU KNOW?
BECAUSE WE'RE FRATERNAL (TWO-EGG) TWINS WE HAVE ENOUGH DIFFERENCES AS ANY NORMAL SIBLINGS.

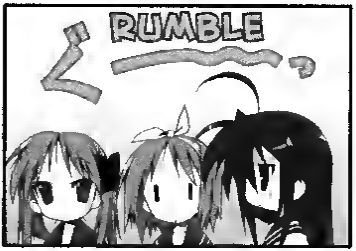
sweepstakes

NO, IT'S MORE LIKE I WAS BUSY WITH COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND STUDYING FOR EXAMS.
YOU FORGOT, KAGAMI, BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH LOVE.
HUH!?

DON'T PUT ME ON THE SAME BOAT AS YOU - YOU ONLY THINK ABOUT PLAY AND NEVER ABOUT WORK!!
Or rather, how you've managed to get this far in life is a mystery to me.
NO, NO, THOSE ARE ONLY EXCUSES
I've never forgotten my stuff of that sort.


MUMBLE
MUMBLE

BUT YOU GUYS ARE SISTERS, SO MAYBE YOU'LL LOOK SIMILAR IF YOU DECIDED TO HAVE SIMILAR HAIR-STYLES OR RIBBON USAGE.
Since your hair and skin color is the same.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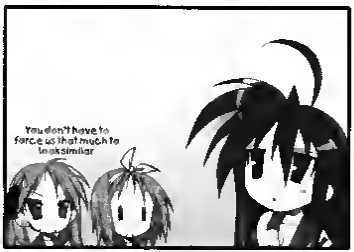
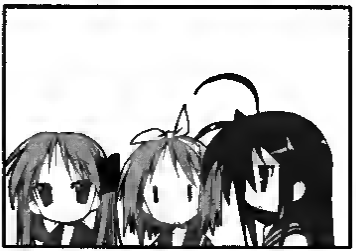
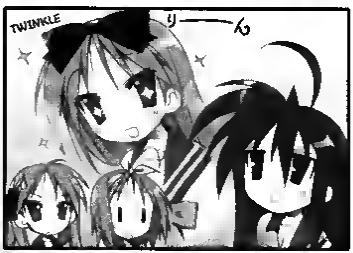
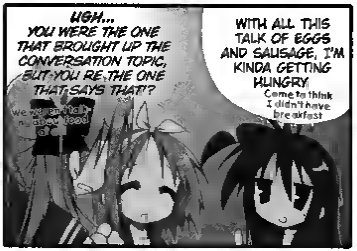

You don't have to force us that much to look similar

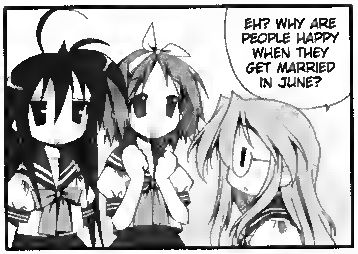



TWINKLE

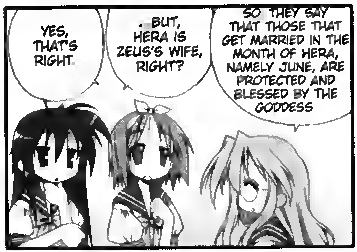

UGH... YOU WERE THE ONE THAT BROUGHT UP THE CONVERSATION TOPIC, BUT YOU RE-THE ONE THAT SAYS THAT!?
WITH ALL THIS TALK OF EGGS AND SAUSAGE, I'M KINDA GETTING HUNGRY.
Come to think I didn't have breakfast

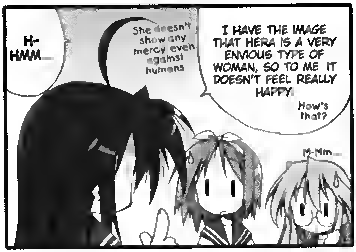
SHUT UP! DON'T YOU GO IMAGINING THINGS AND THEN SAYING RUDE THINGS BASED ON THAT IMAGERY!
I know that you don't have to tell me!!
CHUCKLE
THIS IS NO GOOD... "CUTE" STYLES JUST DON'T LOOK GOOD ON KAGAMI

brides in june

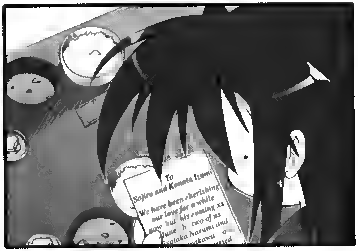


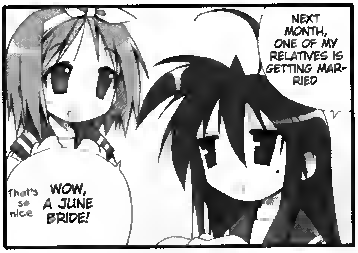
JUNO IS KNOWN AS HERA IN GREEK MYTHOLOGY, AND OVERSEES MARRIAGES AND CHILD-BIRTH.
THEY SAY THAT THE TERM "JUNE" ORIGINATES FROM THE GODDESS JUNO IN ROMAN MYTHOLOGY.

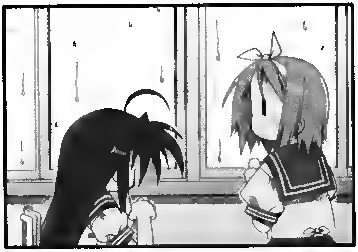

YES, THAT'S RIGHT.
...BUT, HERA IS ZEUS'S WIFE, RIGHT?
SO THEY SAY THAT THOSE THAT GET MARRIED IN THE MONTH OF HERA, NAMELY JUNE, ARE PROTECTED AND BLESSED BY THE GODDESS


H-HMM...
She doesn't show any mercy even against humans
I HAVE THE IMAGE THAT HERA IS A VERY ENVIOUS TYPE OF WOMAN, SO TO ME IT DOESN'T FEEL REALLY HAPPY.
How's that?
M-Mm...

june bride


To Ichiro and Kanata Izumi
We have been cherishing our love for a while now, but the company as well as our friends have urged us to make it official.
Please come celebrate our union.





Lucky☆Star

episode 9
a clever way to do it

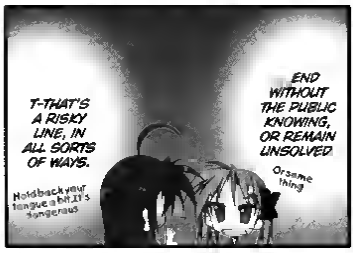
UGH...
YOU HAVE A POINT. IN OTHER WORDS, YOU UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF DOING THINGS BY YOURSELF SO YOU WILL NOW DO ALL OF YOUR HOMEWORK BY YOURSELF RIGHT, KONATA?
HMM

● August 2004 issue, Shonen Ace

...USUALLY DON'T USE CLEVER TRICKS LIKE THOSE IN MANGA OR DRAMA SHOWS
THAT, AND CASES THAT HAPPEN IN REALITY...

MAYBE THE REALLY GRUESOME STUFF FACES MEDIA CENSORSHIP?
HMM... IT'S TRUE THAT YOU DON'T SEE STUFF LIKE THAT
In the end, it's just a drama show or a manga

OH, I SEE... SO DIFFICULT CASES LIKE THAT...


T-THAT'S A RISKY LINE, IN ALL SORTS OF WAYS.
Hold back your tongue a bit. It's dangerous
END WITHOUT THE PUBLIC KNOWING, OR REMAIN UNSOLVED
Or some thing

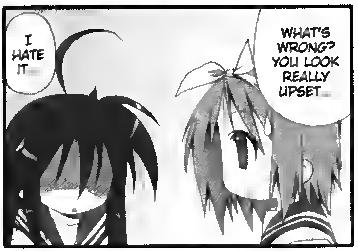
SPEAKING OF A GAME I LENT OUT...

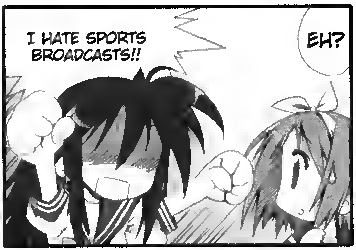
IF THEY DON'T, THE STORY DOESN'T GO ANYWHERE, RIGHT?
DETECTIVES IN GAMES AND MANGA FOR SOME STRANGE REASON KEEP RUNNING INTO MURDERS.

NO I WAS WONDERING IF THEY NEVER HANDLED BACKGROUND CHECKS OR SEEING IF SOMEONE HAS AN EXTRAMARITAL AFFAIR.
On websites and stuff. this is actually the bulk of what they do you know?

It would lack the thrill
NO, MOST LIKELY IT WON'T BE ANY FUN AT ALL..
BUT, WOULD YOU ENJOY WATCHING SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
It's all right. It's a manga after all

seasons that roll by





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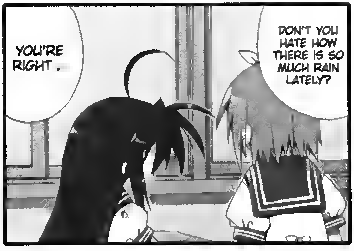
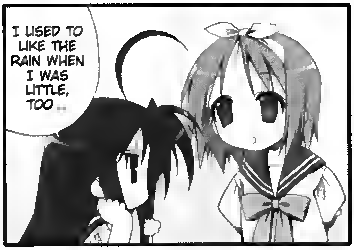
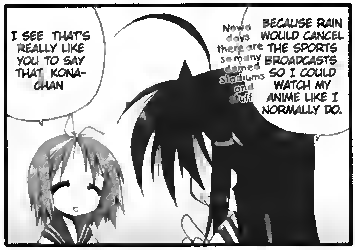
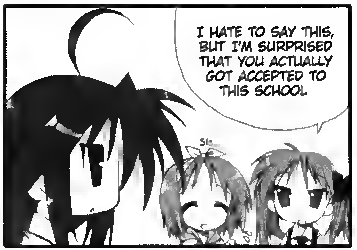


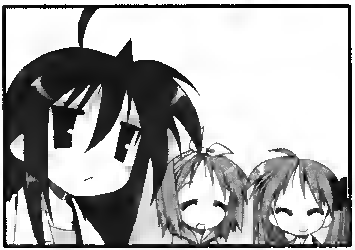


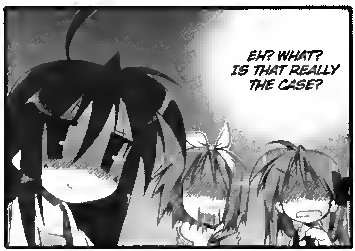
KONA-CHAN, WHY DID YOU LIKE IT SO MUCH?
RAIN GETS YOU WET AND YOUR LAUN-DRY DOESN'T GET DRY. I DON'T HAVE THAT FAVOR-ABLE A LOOK TOWARDS IT


I SEE THAT'S REALLY LIKE YOU TO SAY THAT, KONA-CHAN
BECAUSE RAIN WOULD CANCEL THE SPORTS BROADCASTS SO I COULD WATCH MY ANIME LIKE I NORMALLY DO.

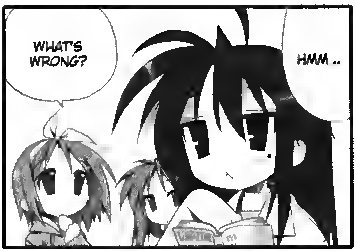
entrance exams

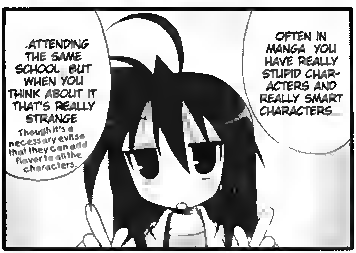


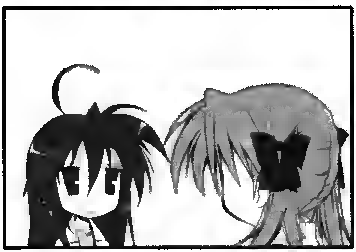


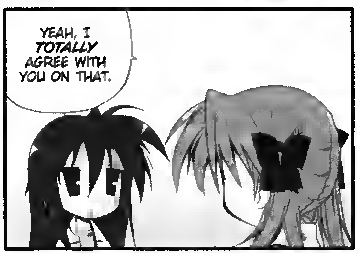


various people



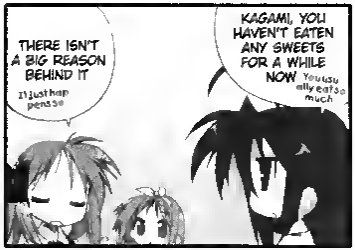

ATTENDING THE SAME SCHOOL BUT WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT THAT'S REALLY STRANGE
Though it's a necessary evil so that they can add flavor to all the characters.
OFTEN IN MANGA YOU HAVE REALLY STUPID CHARACTERS AND REALLY SMART CHARACTERS

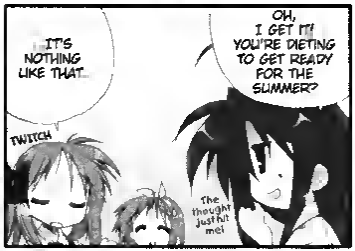




but more so
I HAD A THOUGHT...
?
YOU SAY SUCH A THING THAT SHOULD BE HARD TO SAY SO CLEARLY!?
I'M EVEN MORE SURPRISED THAT TSUKASA IS IN THE SAME SCHOOL AS US.
SHOCK
controlling people's minds
WELL, THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT REQUIRED MORE THAN ONE NIGHT'S WORTH OF STUDYING.
You surprised me!
BUT I'M SURPRISED THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO KEEP STUDYING
LIKE, A DREAMCAST FOR A RANK D SCHOOL A PLAYSTATIONZ FOR A RANK C SCHOOL...
DAD GAVE ME A COUPLE CONDITIONS.
IZUMI'S DAD REALLY KNOWS HOW TO CONTROL HIS DAUGHTER.

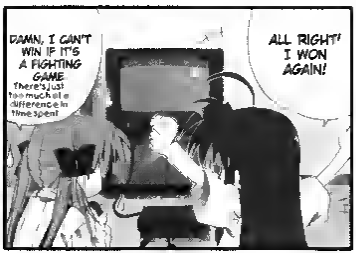
reason

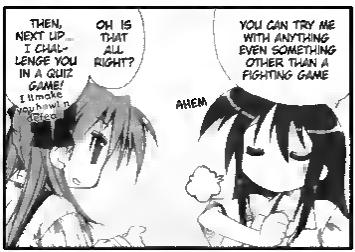

THERE ISN'T A BIG REASON BEHIND IT
It just happens so
KAGAMI, YOU HAVEN'T EATEN ANY SWEETS FOR A WHILE NOW
You usually eat so much



This has nothing to do with you!
SHUT UP! YOU DON'T NEED TO GO THERE!
Kagami you show off
YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE SOMEONE TO SHOW OFF YOUR BATHING SUIT TO!

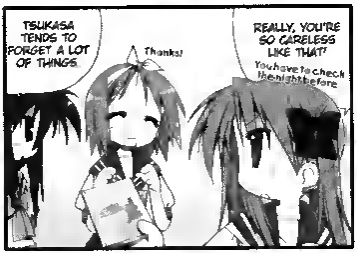
most proficient genre

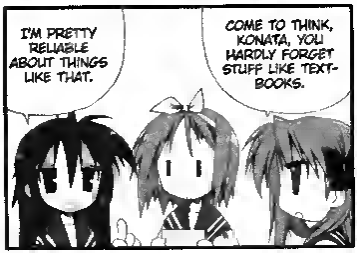



THEN, NEXT UP... I CHALLENGE YOU IN A QUIZ GAME!
I'll make you howl in tears!
OH IS THAT ALL RIGHT?
AHEM
YOU CAN TRY ME WITH ANYTHING EVEN SOMETHING OTHER THAN A FIGHTING GAME

SHE STILL HAS QUITE A MEMORY WHEN IT COMES TO GAMES!!
I mean sure there aren't that many pairs in the questions to be guessed, but...
CAN IT BE . THAT SHE REMEMBERS ALL THE QUESTIONS!?

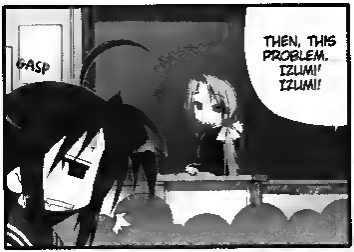
a reliable girl

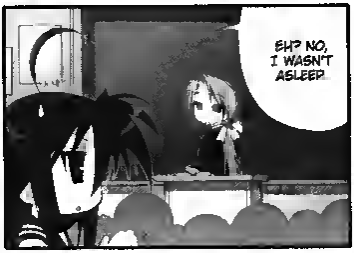


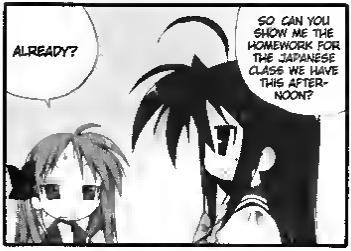


YOU'RE NOT RELIABLE AT ALL!
You have absolutely no will to study, do you?
I LEAVE ALL THE TEXT-BOOKS IN THE CLASSROOM IN ADVANCE

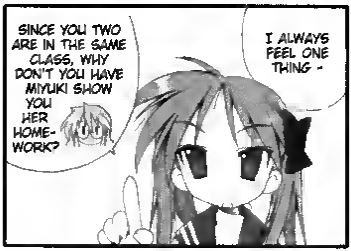
a sudden conversation

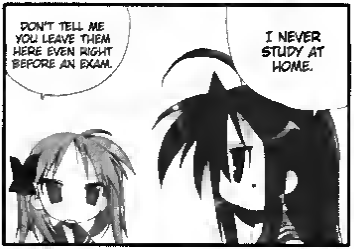


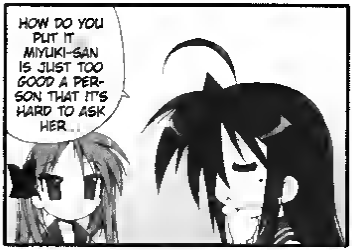



ALREADY?
SO CAN YOU SHOW ME THE HOMEWORK FOR THE JAPANESE CLASS WE HAVE THIS AFTERNOON?

BUT IF YOU LEAVE ALL THE TEXTBOOKS HERE YOU CAN'T REHASH OVER WHAT WE LEARNED IN CLASS AT HOME

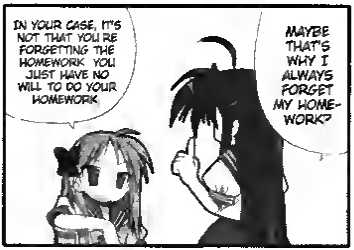

SINCE YOU TWO ARE IN THE SAME CLASS, WHY DON'T YOU HAVE MIYUKI SHOW YOU HER HOMEWORK?
I ALWAYS FEEL ONE THING -


DON'T TELL ME YOU LEAVE THEM HERE EVEN RIGHT BEFORE AN EXAM.
I NEVER STUDY AT HOME.


HOW DO YOU PUT IT MIYUKI-SAN IS JUST TOO GOOD A PERSON THAT IT'S HARD TO ASK HER..

OH!
POM

I KINDA GET IT, BUT THAT ISN'T A SATISFACTORY ANSWER
MAYBE YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS FEELING


IN YOUR CASE, IT'S NOT THAT YOU'RE FORGETTING THE HOMEWORK. YOU JUST HAVE NO WILL TO DO YOUR HOMEWORK.
MAYBE THAT'S WHY I ALWAYS FORGET MY HOMEWORK?

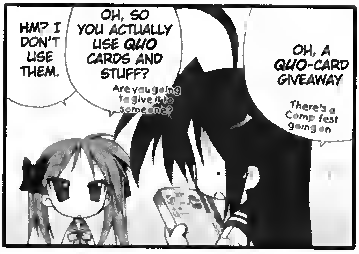
i got caught

I'M LATE BECAUSE SOME GUY DECIDED TO HIT ON ME. OH MAN, THAT GROUP OF GUYS WERE REALLY PERSISTENT AND... (SO ON, TRUNCATING THE REST)

BUT, IT'S A BAD THING TO POINT OUT ALL THE FLAWS.
Both as a human and as a teacher!
OH NO, THERE ARE SO MANY PLACES IN THIS STORY TO NITPICK...!

it took a bit longer

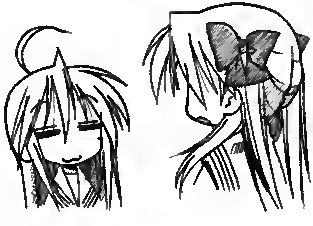
I SEE
That's a good thing
I WAS LISTENING TO WHAT HE HAD TO SAY AFTERWARDS, AND IT TOOK MUCH LONGER THAN I THOUGHT
I WAS A BIT TARDY AS A RESULT OF HELPING SOMEONE OUT


HM? I DON'T USE THEM.
OH, SO YOU ACTUALLY USE QUO CARDS AND STUFF?
Are you going to give me some, too?
OH, A QUO-CARD GIVEAWAY
There's a Comp fest going on

DON'T YOU BLINDLY WANT GOODS FROM YOUR FAVORITE TITLES WHEN THEY COME OUT?
As a fan and as a collector
EH? THEN WHY DO YOU BOTHER?

You don't get it—you get happy just by having it in your hands

What? Are you going to just look over them later?

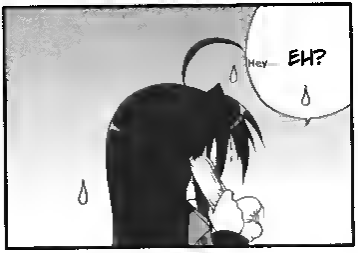


NO, I VAGUELY UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO GET AT.
Don't resolve your self in such a strange way
SIGH
FINE I'M AN OTAKU I'M STRANGE
YEAH, YEAH, YOU DON'T

July issue, Comp-fest ●

episode 10
the rowdiness before battle

MAY IS OVER IN A NICE WAY SO YOU SHOULDN'T BE SAYING YOU'RE LETHARGIC FOR ALL THIS TIME SO HURRY UP AND GET HERE!!
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO SAY THAT YOU'VE CAUGHT A SUMMER COLD, RIGHT?
Sheesh don't use the same excuse so many times



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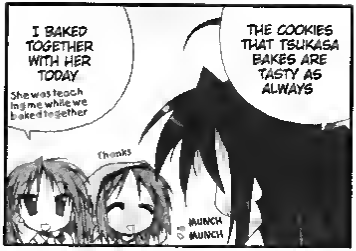
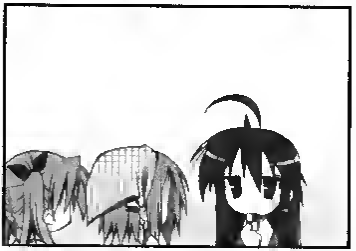
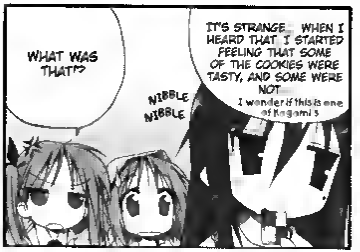
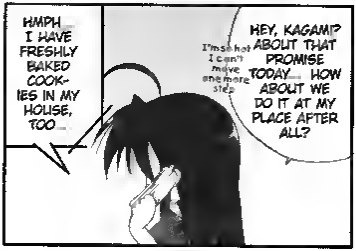
feelings are a spice?

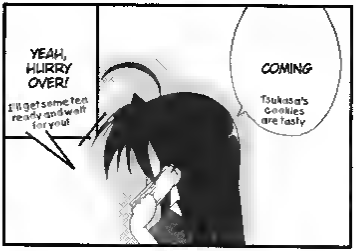

I BAKED TOGETHER WITH HER TODAY
She was teach ing me while we baked together
THE COOKIES THAT TSUKASA BAKES ARE TASTY AS ALWAYS
Thanks
MUNCH MUNCH




WHAT WAS THAT!?
NIBBLE NIBBLE
IT'S STRANGE... WHEN I HEARD THAT I STARTED FEELING THAT SOME OF THE COOKIES WERE TASTY, AND SOME WERE NOT
I wonder if this is one of Kagami's

a question of motivation


HMPH... I HAVE FRESHLY BAKED COOK-IES IN MY HOUSE, TOO...
I'm so hot I can't move one more step
HEY, KAGAMI? ABOUT THAT PROMISE TODAY... HOW ABOUT WE DO IT AT MY PLACE AFTER ALL?



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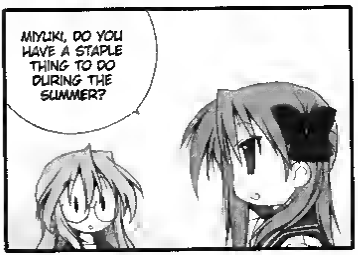
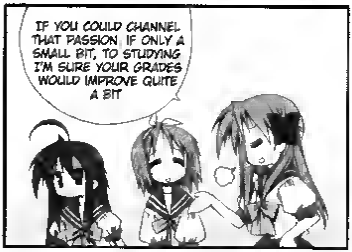
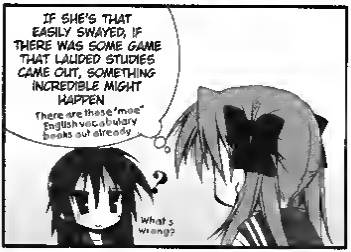


how to spend summer vacation 1

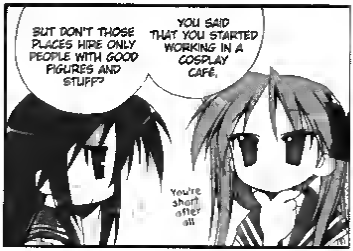
NO MATTER WHAT YOU SAY, IT'S GOT TO BE COMIKET!
SPEAKING OF SUMMER, THERE IS THE TWICE-A-YEAR FESTIVAL! THE WAR-ZONE IN ARIAKE!
This year I've got my part time job so I've got my war funds down pat!

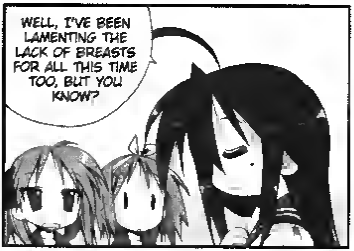
power of influence

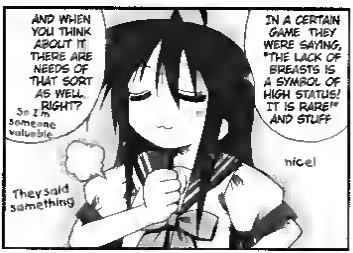


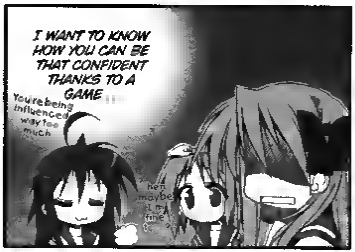

IF SHE'S THAT EASILY SWAYED, IF THERE WAS SOME GAME THAT LAUDED STUDIES CAME OUT, SOMETHING INCREDIBLE MIGHT HAPPEN
There are these "moe" English vocabulary books out already
What's wrong?

source of power

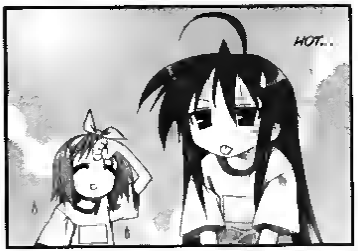

BUT DON'T THOSE PLACES HIRE ONLY PEOPLE WITH GOOD FIGURES AND STUFF?
YOU SAID THAT YOU STARTED WORKING IN A COSPLAY CAFÉ.
You're short after all

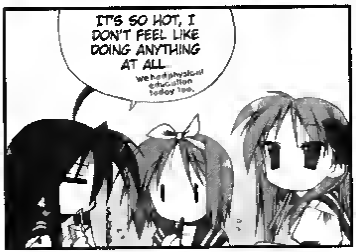



AND WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT THERE ARE NEEDS OF THAT SORT AS WELL, RIGHT?
So I'm someone valuable
IN A CERTAIN GAME THEY WERE SAYING, "THE LACK OF BREASTS IS A SYMBOL OF HIGH STATUS! IT IS RARE!" AND STUFF
nice!
They said something


I WANT TO KNOW HOW YOU CAN BE THAT CONFIDENT THANKS TO A GAME
You're being influenced way too much
I'll have to go to the bookstore after this!

never on vacation





UGH...
Like, you can't die in the winter
BUT YOU HAVE ONE REASON OR ANOTHER TO NOT FEEL LIKE DOING ANYTHING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, DON'T YOU?

no sense of awkwardness

...AND ALL OF THEM ALWAYS SAY SOMETHING LIKE, "HE WAS USUALLY SUCH A CALM BOY... HE NEVER SEEMED TO BE THE TYPE THAT WOULD DO THAT."
WHEN THINGS LIKE THAT HAPPEN, THEY ASK ALL THE NEIGHBORS

IF YOU CAUSE SOME CASE IN THE FUTURE "I HAD THOUGHT THAT SHE WOULD DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS SOMEDAY." WOULD BE EXACTLY WHAT I WOULD SAY
Hmph

woo-hoo

THEY'RE HOLDING A SUMMER COMP-FEST!
1ST ANNIVER-SARY OF COMPTIQ'S RENEWAL
WHY ARE YOU GETTING SO EMOTIONAL ABOUT IT?
WELL, WELL AS A LOYAL READER, THERE'S SOME-THING ABOUT IT
I SEE COMP HAS BEEN IN PUBLICA-TION FOR A YEAR NOW...
YUP YUP
...THEY FEEL LIKE THEY'RE PART OF MAKING THE FESTIVAL A ROWDY ONE, RIGHT?
WELL, WHEN THE CUSTOM-ERS GET TOGETHER AND RILE THEMSELVES UP...
PLEASE TAKE SOME OF THAT PASSION AND POINT IT TOWARDS SCHOOL EVENTS AS WELL

In the end, I ended up doing my best to think of what to present for the arts festival.

July issue, Comp-fest●

episode 11
do your best, young ones

I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL, BUT DO YOUR BEST.
Don t escape from reality
YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU'RE PRESSED FOR TIME, DON'T YOU JUST GET THE URGE TO CLEAN UP AND STUFF?
Oh brother what a mind

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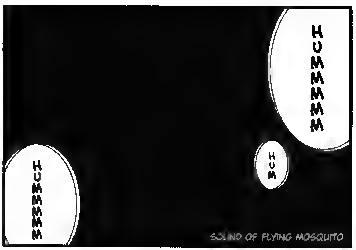
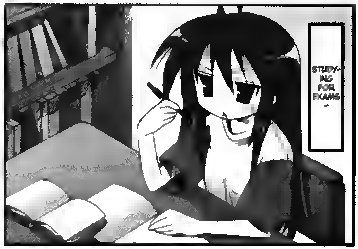
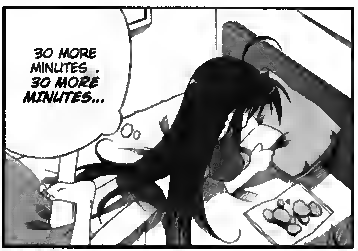
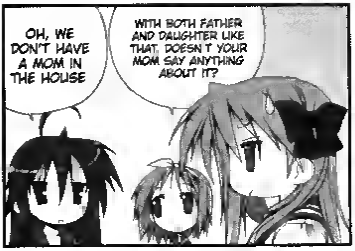
somehow, especially when you're in a rush

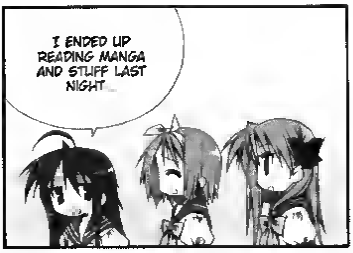


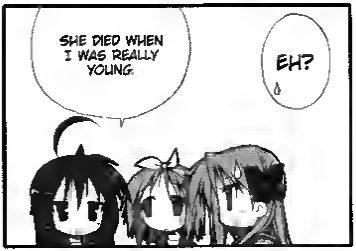
impulses in a crisis






OH, WE DON'T HAVE A MOM IN THE HOUSE
WITH BOTH FATHER AND DAUGHTER LIKE THAT, DOESN'T YOUR MOM SAY ANYTHING ABOUT IT?

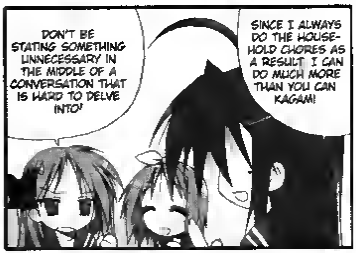

I ENDED UP READING MANGA AND STUFF LAST NIGHT...


SHE DIED WHEN I WAS REALLY YOUNG.
EH?

COME TO THINK, KONATA, YOU HAVE STRANGE TASTES IN MANGA AND GAMES
You read only boys' magazines and your games are mainly dating sims

I-I SEE..
Sorry

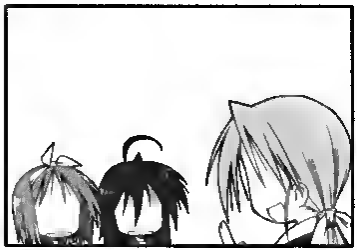
DAD READS MANGA AND PLAYS GAMES A LOT, SO I THINK THAT'S BEEN AFFECTING ME
I've been next to him and watching him read or play ever since I was little


DON'T BE STATING SOMETHING UNNECESSARY IN THE MIDDLE OF A CONVERSATION THAT IS HARD TO DELVE INTO!
SINCE I ALWAYS DO THE HOUSE-HOLD CHORES AS A RESULT, I CAN DO MUCH MORE THAN YOU CAN KAGAMI!

WHAT KIND OF FATHER WOULD BE PLAYING DATING SIMS OR GAMES, WITH CUTE GIRLS IN FRONT OF HIS DAUGHTER!?
I can understand the boys magazines but

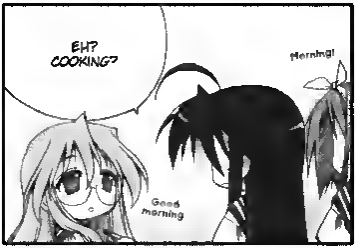
SHE SAYS SHE LIVES ALONE, BUT SHE REALLY HAS A NEGLIGENT IMAGE.
THEN, WHAT ABOUT OUR TEACHER?

SMILE
YOU CAN GET BY EVEN IF YOU CAN'T COOK AT ALL! There are convenience stores and such!
WAVE WAVE
HA HA HA! IN THIS DAY AND AGE.

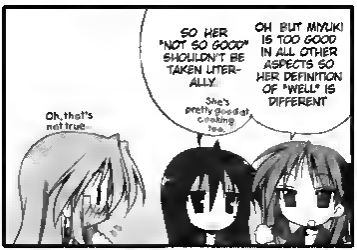


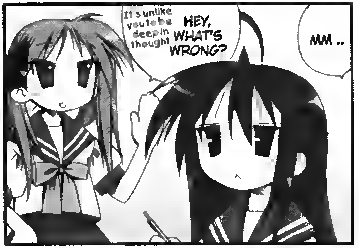
PLEASE STOP WITH THE JOKES THAT DON'T FEEL AWKWARD AT ALL...!!
We totally look that one seriously there!
I can handle as much as anyone else.
JUST KIDDING! I PROPERLY DO MY CHORES!
SIGH

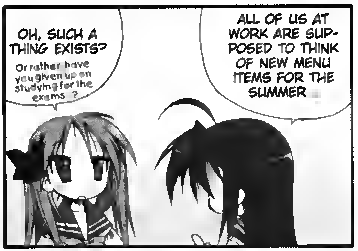
SHE SEEMS RICH, SO MAYBE SHE MIGHT BE BAD AT DOING HOUSEHOLD CHORES
BY THE WAY... WHAT ABOUT MIYUKI-SAN?


EH? COOKING?
Morning!
Good morning

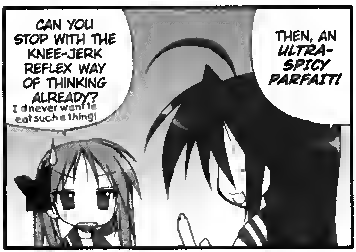
...SO I'M NOT TOO GOOD AT HOUSE-HOLD CHORES.
It's a bit embarrassing
OH, THAT'S UNUSUAL
ACTUALLY.. I ONLY HELP OUT EVERY SO OFTEN.

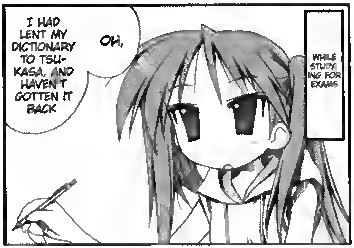

SO HER "NOT SO GOOD" SHOULDN'T BE TAKEN LITERALLY
OH BUT MIYUKI IS TOO GOOD IN ALL OTHER ASPECTS SO HER DEFINITION OF "WELL" IS DIFFERENT
Oh, that's not true.
She's pretty good at cooking too.


It's unlike you to be deep in thought
HEY, WHAT'S WRONG?
MM ..

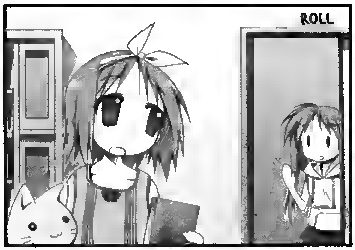

OH, SUCH A THING EXISTS?
Or rather have you given up on studying for the exams ?
ALL OF US AT WORK ARE SUPPOSED TO THINK OF NEW MENU ITEMS FOR THE SUMMER

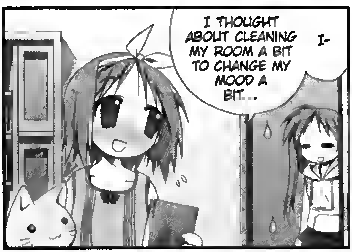
HOW ABOUT SOMETHING THAT IS MORE FITTING FOR A CAFÉ?
Ramen just doesn't work
They wouldn't have any thing like that in other places
HOW ABOUT HAVING SOMETHING REALLY SPICY BECAUSE IT'S HOT OUT AND GOING FOR ULTRA-SPICY RAMEN?


CAN YOU STOP WITH THE KNEE-JERK REFLEX WAY OF THINKING ALREADY?
I never want to eat such a thing!
THEN, AN ULTRA-SPICY PARFAIT!


I HAD LENT MY DICTIONARY TO TSUKASA, AND HAVEN'T GOTTEN IT BACK
OH,
WHILE STUDYING FOR EXAMS

TSUKASA, I'M SORRY, BUT CAN I HAVE MY DICTIONARY BACK?
I'm coming in!


ROLL


I THOUGHT ABOUT CLEANING MY ROOM A BIT TO CHANGE MY MOOD A BIT...
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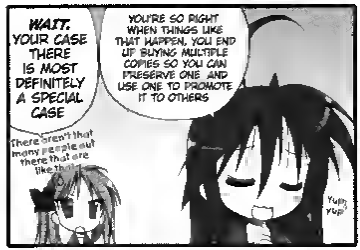
JAPANESE PEOPLE HAVE SUCH A WEAK SPOT FOR GIVEAWAYS AND LIMITED EDITIONS
You should keep everything under moderation okay?


WAIT. YOUR CASE THERE IS MOST DEFINITELY A SPECIAL CASE
YOU'RE SO RIGHT WHEN THINGS LIKE THAT HAPPEN, YOU END UP BUYING MULTIPLE COPIES SO YOU CAN PRESERVE ONE AND USE ONE TO PROMOTE IT TO OTHERS
there aren't that many people out there that are like that...
Yup yup!

I'm telling you, you're the only one that does stuff like that
I mean, what do you mean by a copy for promotion in the first place?
And sometimes you forget who you lent it to, and buy yourself another copy, don't you?

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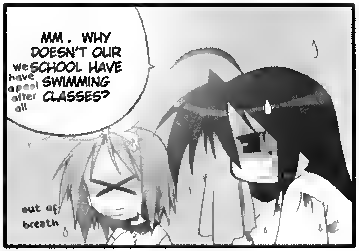
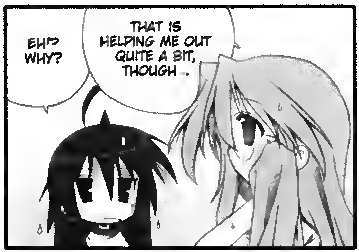
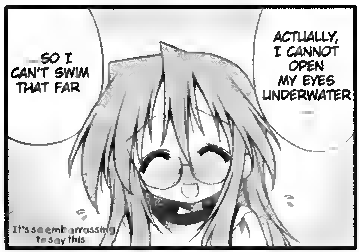
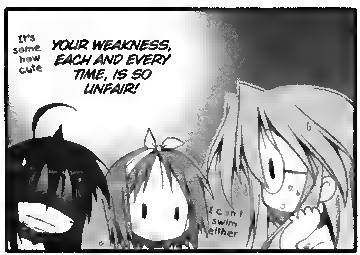
beginner









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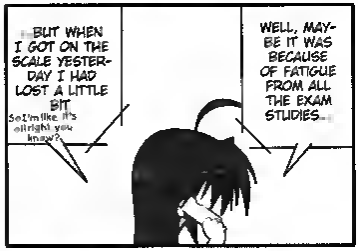
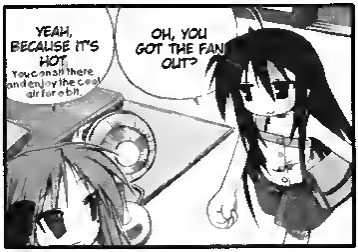
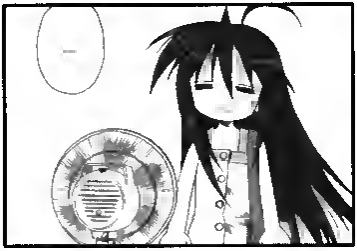
goodbye

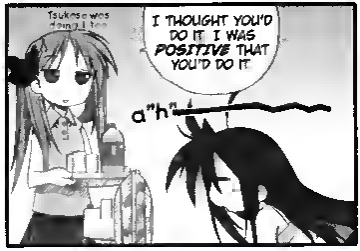
COME TO THINK IT'S ALREADY THAT TIME OF THE YEAR
NO, WE DON'T DO THAT KIND OF STUFF IN THE SUMMER
ARE YOU GOING TO DO SOME PRIESTESS THING LIKE NEW YEAR'S?
CRUNCH CRUNCH
MAVE MAVE


BUT WHEN I GOT ON THE SCALE YESTERDAY I HAD LOST A LITTLE BIT
So I'm like it's alright you know?
WELL, MAYBE IT WAS BECAUSE OF FATIGUE FROM ALL THE EXAM STUDIES...

instinctive behavior







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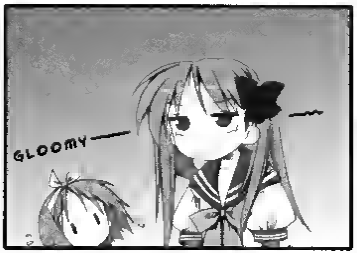

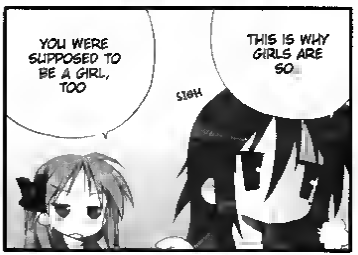

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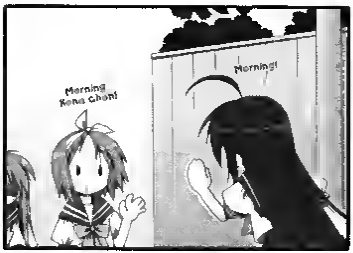
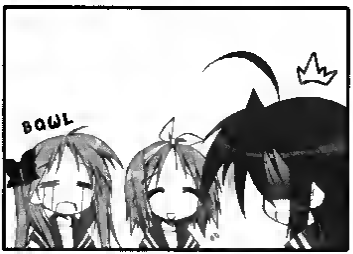
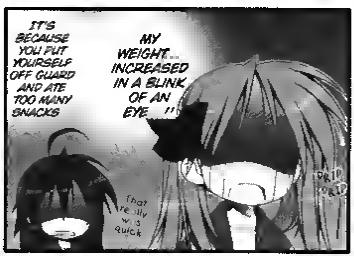
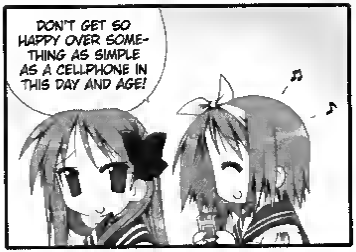
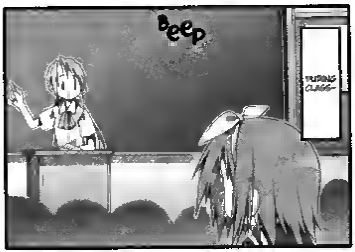




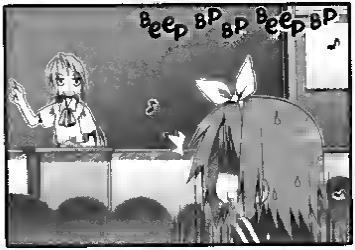

IT'S BECAUSE YOU PUT YOURSELF OFF GUARD AND ATE TOO MANY SNACKS
MY WEIGHT... INCREASED IN A BLINK OF AN EYE...!!
That really was quick
PETO PETO

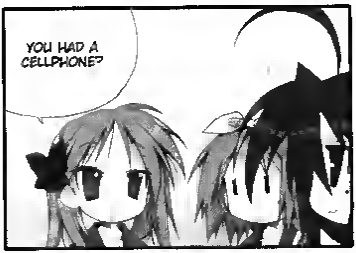

DON'T GET SO HAPPY OVER SOMETHING AS SIMPLE AS A CELLPHONE IN THIS DAY AND AGE!

THEY BOUGHT ME A CELLPHONE FOR MY BIRTHDAY!
LOOK, LOOK!
Yo!
Morning!

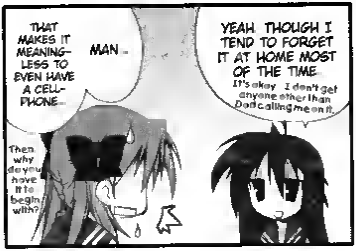

Beep
TURNING CLASS-

SURE!
OH! TELL ME YOUR NUMBER. I'LL TELL YOU MINE, TOO.
Good for you!


Beep BP BP Beep BP


YOU HAD A CELLPHONE?

WAAAAAH!!
OKAY, CONFISCATED
You can pick it up at after school

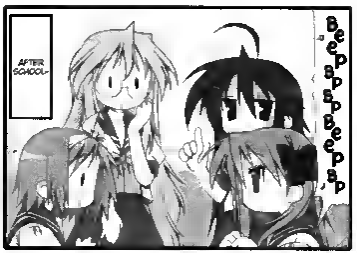

THAT MAKES IT MEANINGLESS TO EVEN HAVE A CELLPHONE...
MAN...
YEAH. THOUGH I TEND TO FORGET IT AT HOME MOST OF THE TIME.
It's okay. I don't get anyone other than Dad calling me on it.
Then why do you have it to begin with?

OH...
THE NUMBER OF SPAM TEXT MESSAGES HAVE BEEN INCREASING... IT'S SO TROUBLESOME

SOMETHING THAT ISN'T OBVIOUS? LIKE WHAT DO YOU HAVE, KONATA?
YOU SHOULD CHANGE YOUR TEXT ADDRESS TO SOMETHING THAT ISN'T TOO OBVIOUS.
I changed mine too

I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED SOMETHING LIKE "MAID" BUT...
MY TEXT ADDRESS IS "MEGANEKKO-GEKILOVE (SERIOUS LOVE OF GIRLS WITH EYEGLASSES)" IN ROMAJI
Blush

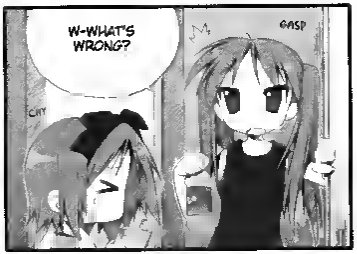
WAIT, WAIT; HOLD IT, I GET WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, SO DON'T SPEAK IN SUCH A LOUD VOICE IN FRONT OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC!!!
ADDRESSES LIKE "MAID_SAN" AND "MIKO_SAN" ARE SO POPULAR THAT THEY'RE ALREADY---


AFTER SCHOOL...
Beep Beep Beep Beep

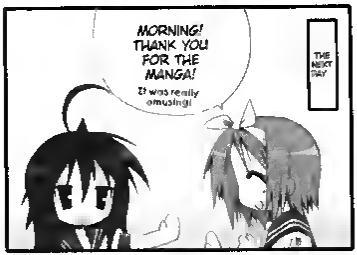
YEAH, I'M FINE. I'LL BE HOME SOON. SEE YA.
OH, DAD? YEAH, I'M STILL AT SCHOOL. I'VE BEEN TALKING WITH KONATA AND MIYUKI AND STUFF, AND IT GOT LATE

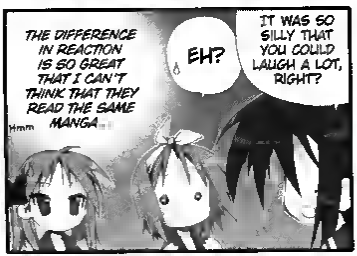
Beep Beep Beep Beep

OH, DAD?


W-WHAT'S WRONG?
GASP
CRY

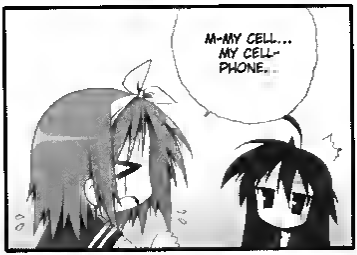
I SEE.
Maybe I'll read it later
I WAS READING THE MANGA THAT KONA-CHAN LENT ME AND I WAS SO TOUCHED. Hehe I ended up crying
TEAR
TEAR

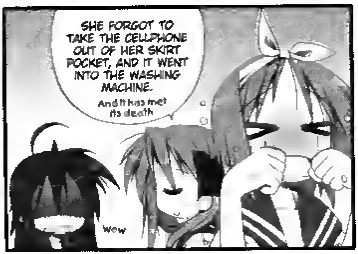

MORNING! THANK YOU FOR THE MANGA!
It was really amusing!
THE NEXT DAY

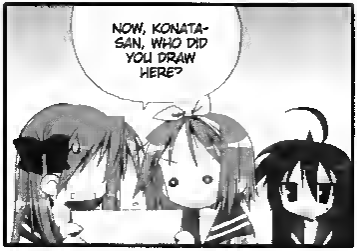

THE DIFFERENCE IN REACTION IS SO GREAT THAT I CAN'T THINK THAT THEY READ THE SAME MANGA...
Hmm
EH?
IT WAS SO SILLY THAT YOU COULD LAUGH A LOT, RIGHT?

Hey!
Morning!

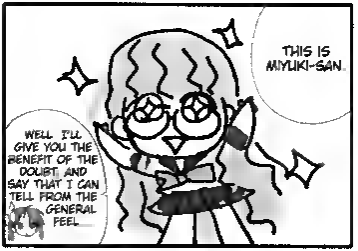
W-WHAT'S WRONG, TSU-KASA?
SOB SOB


M-MY CELL... MY CELL-PHONE...

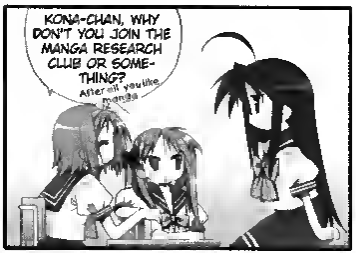

SHE FORGOT TO TAKE THE CELLPHONE OUT OF HER SKIRT POCKET, AND IT WENT INTO THE WASHING MACHINE.
And it has met its death
Wow


NOW, KONATA-SAN, WHO DID YOU DRAW HERE?

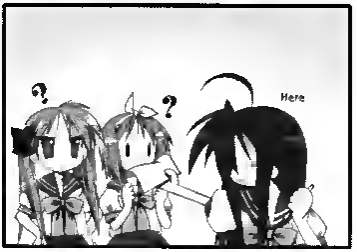
THIS IS TSUKASA
EH? THIS WAS ME??


THIS IS MIYUKI-SAN.
WELL, I'LL GIVE YOU THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT, AND SAY THAT I CAN TELL FROM THE GENERAL FEEL

THIS IS KAGAMI.
I SEE...


KONA-CHAN, WHY DON'T YOU JOIN THE MANGA RESEARCH CLUB OR SOMETHING?
After all you like manga

WELL, I WOULDN'T MIND JOINING.
I'm sure they have very flexible hours too
DRAW
DRAW

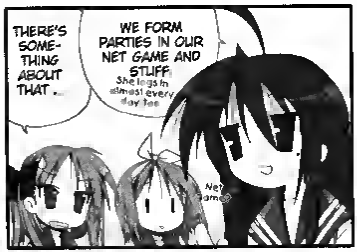

?
?
Here

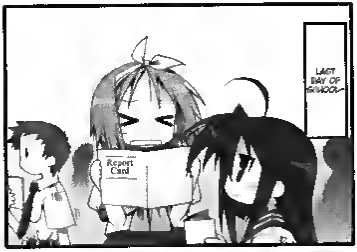
!!!
D-DID YOU SERIOUSLY DRAW ALL OF THESE!?

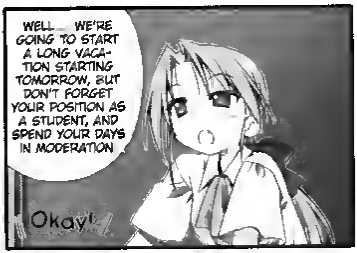
WE'RE FINALLY IN VACATION NOW.

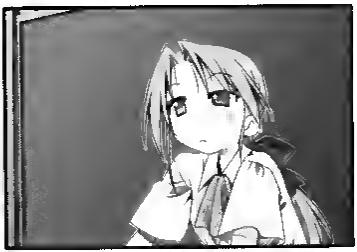
IT'S REASSURING TO THINK THAT I DON'T HAVE TO SEE YOUR FACE EACH AND EVERY DAY
Hmph

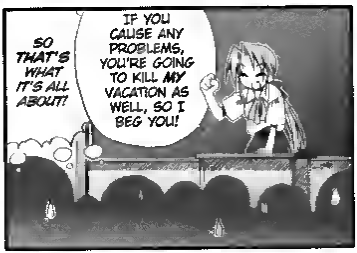
EH? WHY? YOU HAVE SUMMER CLASSES OR SOMETHING?
WELL EVEN THOUGH IT'S VACATION I'M GOING TO SEE OUR TEACHER ALMOST EVERY DAY ANYWAY
Hm/n


THERE'S SOME-THING ABOUT THAT...
WE FORM PARTIES IN OUR NET GAME AND STUFF.
She logs in almost every day too.
Net game


LAST DAY OF SCHOOL~
Report Card


WELL... WE'RE GOING TO START A LONG VACA-TION STARTING TOMORROW. BUT DON'T FORGET YOUR POSITION AS A STUDENT, AND SPEND YOUR DAYS IN MODERATION.
Okay!




SO THAT'S WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT?
IF YOU CAUSE ANY PROBLEMS, YOU'RE GOING TO KILL MY VACATION AS WELL, SO I BEG YOU!

Lucky☆Star

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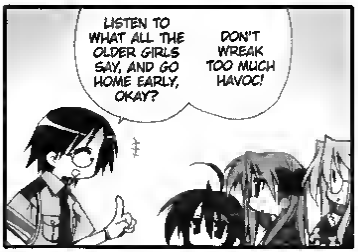
relatives, no doubt



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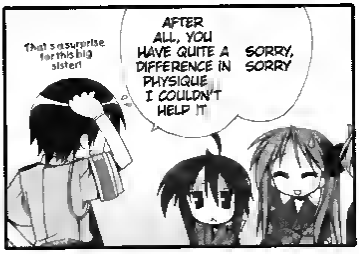
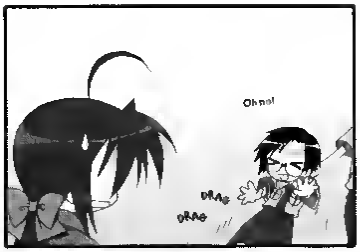
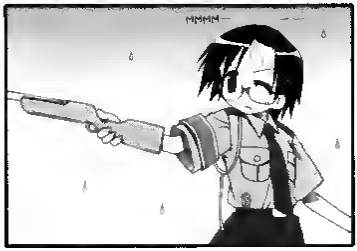
out of phase

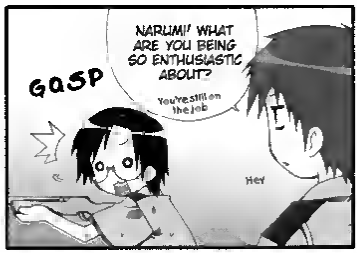


aimed shot

real job

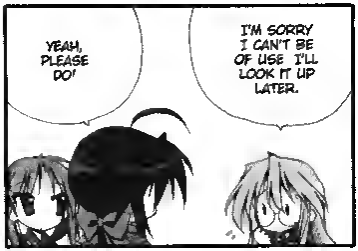






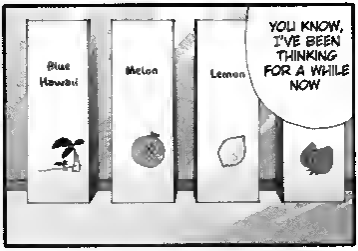
AND SO, MIYUKI-SAN, DO YOU KNOW WHAT BLUE HAWAII IS?

HMM... THAT I DO NOT KNOW WELL


YEAH, PLEASE DO!
I'M SORRY I CAN'T BE OF USE I'LL LOOK IT UP LATER.

Miyuki you can be thicker than that too
NO, I THINK WHO-EVER WANTS TO KNOW SHOULD BE LOOKING IT UP AND NOT YOU...

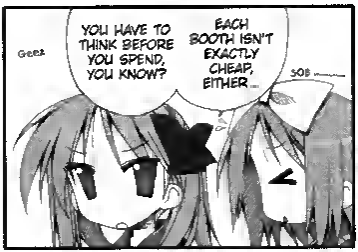
IT'S HOT, TOO. LET'S GO EAT SOME
WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT A SUMMER FESTIVAL, YOU CAN'T FORGET THE SHAVED ICE!


Blue Hawaii
Melon
Lemon
YOU KNOW, I'VE BEEN THINKING FOR A WHILE NOW

...BUT WHAT FRUIT IS BLUE HAWAII? WHAT KINDA FLAVOR IS IT?
I CAN UNDERSTAND STRAWBERRY, LEMON, AND MELON FLAVORS.

THAT'S TRUE... THAT'S HOW IT WOULD END UP...
T-THE FLAVOR WOULD BE BLUE HAWAII, I WOULD THINK...?

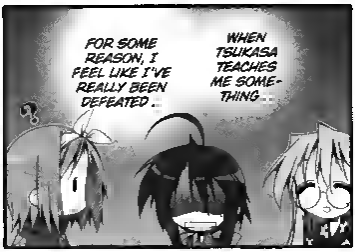
connected by festivals

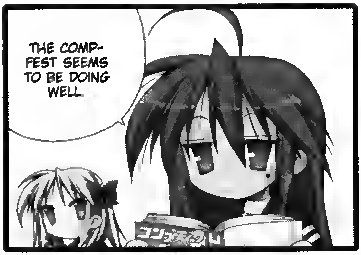


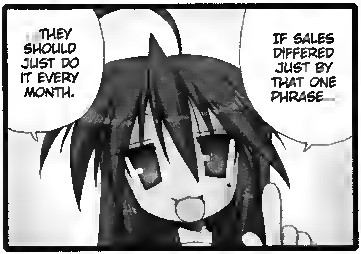
AS I'VE BEEN SAYING, I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT THAT GENRE!!
I've never been there even!
IT'S THE SAME ILLUSION AS NOT THINKING THAT A DOJINSHI IS EXPENSIVE WHEN YOU'RE AT COMIKET.

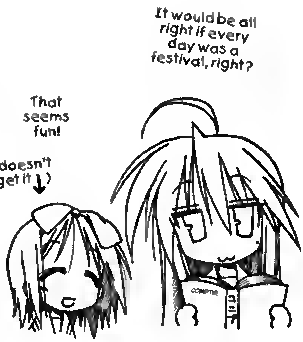
ambush

THE COCK-TAIL WAS NAMED AFTER AND PAYS HOM-AGE TO THE MOVIE BLUE HAWAII??
So they say
THE NAME COMES FROM A COCKTAIL OF THE SAME NAME AND SAME COLOR









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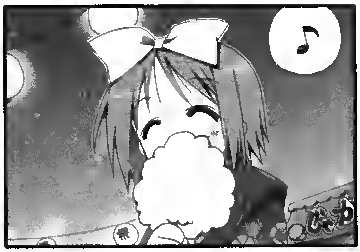
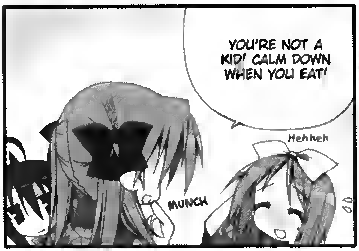
play, play





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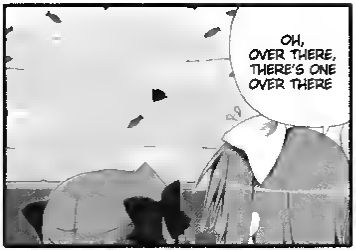
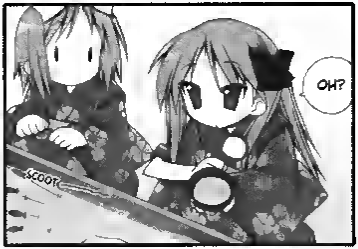
cuteness is hundredfold



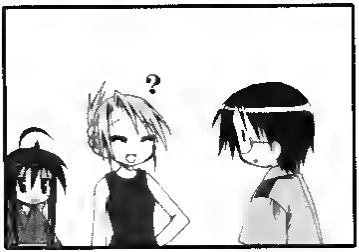
with overwhelming hatred

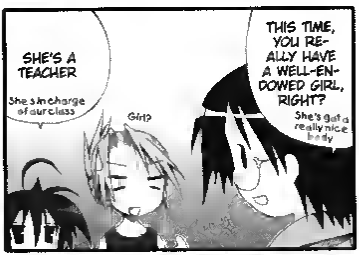
WELL, IT'S A NICE OCCASION AFTER ALL, SO I GUESS I'LL DO SOME GOLDFISH SCOOPING
KAGAMI-SAN, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO PLAY ANYTHING?
HMM



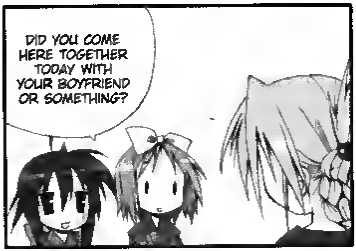
IT FEELS INSTINCTIVELY THAT YOU'RE VICIOUS, KAGAMI, AND THAT'S WHY THEY'RE RUNNING AWAY
Finally the evil genocide is coming out.
NOD NOD
SHOCK

dashing off

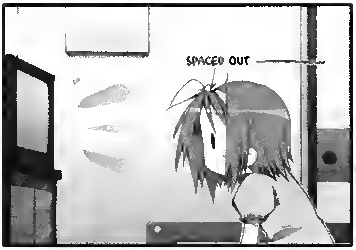



SHE'S A TEACHER
She's in charge of our class
Girl?
THIS TIME, YOU REALLY HAVE A WELL-ENDOWED GIRL, RIGHT?
She's got a really nice body

as usual, it ends that way



SO THERE ISN'T EVEN A FRAGMENT OF A ROMANCE AROUND US AFTER ALL...
Just as we expected
OF COURSE NOT
There isn't such a thing
HA HA HA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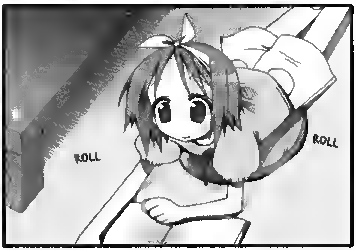
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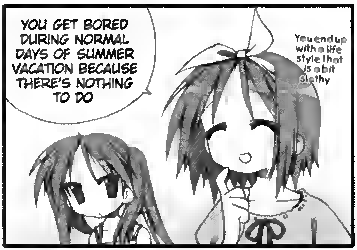
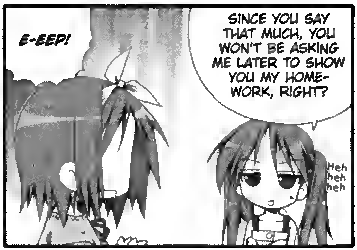
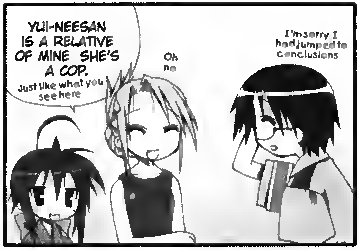
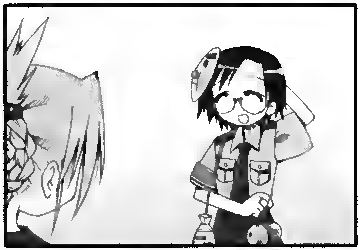
ROLL

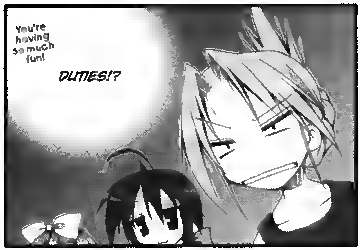

YOU GET BORED DURING NORMAL DAYS OF SUMMER VACATION BECAUSE THERE'S NOTHING TO DO
You end up with a life style that is a bit slothy


E-EEP!
SINCE YOU SAY THAT MUCH, YOU WON'T BE ASKING ME LATER TO SHOW YOU MY HOME-WORK, RIGHT?
Heh heh heh


YUI-NEESAN IS A RELATIVE OF MINE SHE'S A COP.
Just like what you see here
Oh no
I'm sorry I had jumped to conclusions

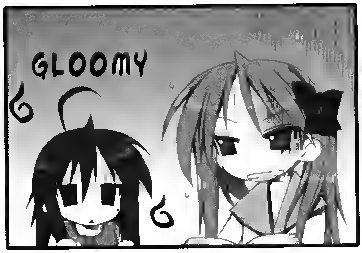
WELL, SINCE TODAY IS A SUMMER FESTIVAL—
—I HAVE DUTIES OF LOOKING AROUND
Well in this heat!




You're having so much fun!
DUTIES!?

Look at it!!
MY POST-CARD GOT SELECTED FOR COMP-TIQ!!

KONATA IZUMI, FROM SAITAMA PREFECTURE... I SEE... GOOD FOR YOU.
I'm amazed that this got on the magazine
I see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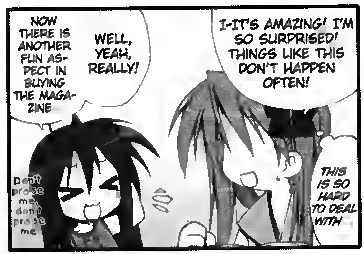
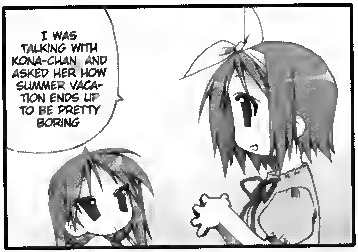
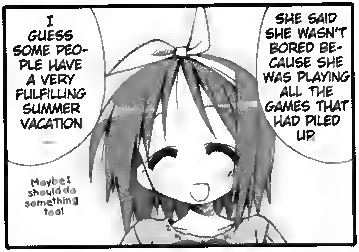
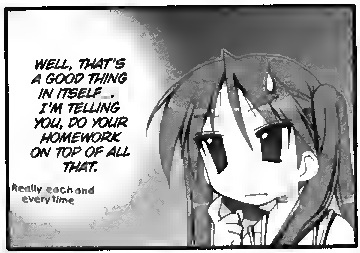
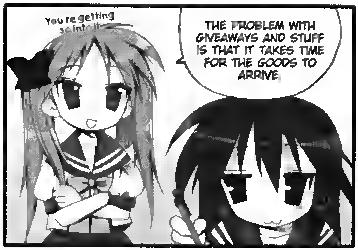
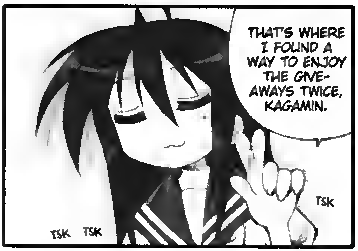

NOW THERE IS ANOTHER FUN ASPECT IN BUYING THE MAGAZINE...
WELL, YEAH, REALLY!
I-IT'S AMAZING! I'M SO SURPRISED! THINGS LIKE THIS DON'T HAPPEN OFTEN!
Don't praise me, don't spoil me
THIS IS SO HARD TO DEAL WITH


I WAS TALKING WITH KONA-CHAN AND ASKED HER HOW SUMMER VACATION ENDS UP TO BE PRETTY BORING


I GUESS SOME PEOPLE HAVE A VERY FULFILLING SUMMER VACATION
Maybe I should do something too!
SHE SAID SHE WASN'T BORED BECAUSE SHE WAS PLAYING ALL THE GAMES THAT HAD PILED UP


WELL, THAT'S A GOOD THING IN ITSELF... I'M TELLING YOU, DO YOUR HOMEWORK ON TOP OF ALL THAT.
Really each and every time





IN THE BEGINNING YOU ENJOY IT LIKE A FESTIVAL, AND THEN YOU GET HAPPY AGAIN WHEN THE GOODS ARRIVE RIGHT AROUND WHEN YOU FORGOT YOU EVEN ORDERED IT. SEE, WHAT A DEAL!
One piece, twice yummy!

If it takes about 6 months to get here, you can no longer say that you are having fun about it.

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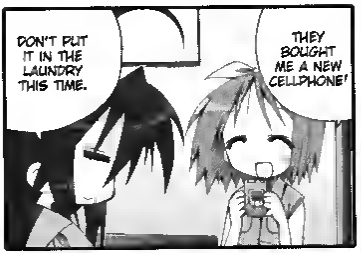

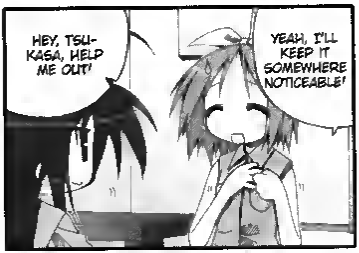

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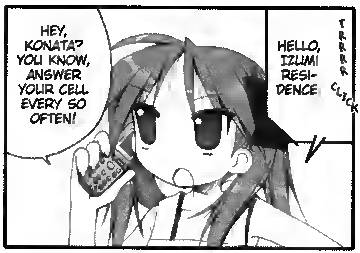
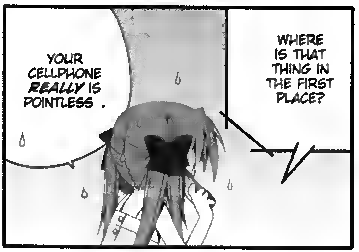


GEEZ! THAT'S POINTLESS!
If you don't notice you've got an incoming call that is
WELL, THE RINGER IS TURNED OFF RIGHT NOW.
I didn't realize you called



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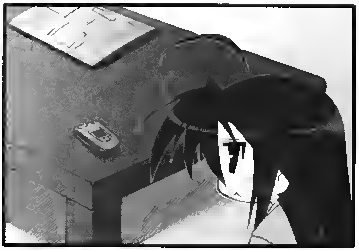
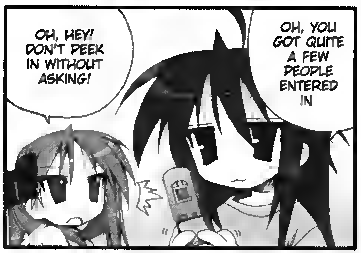
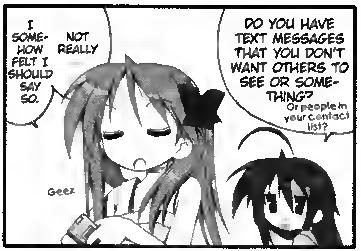
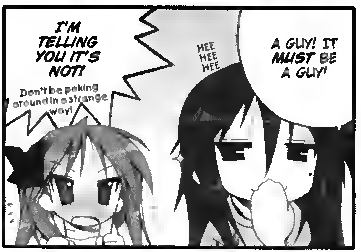





I SOMEHOW FELT I SHOULD SAY SO.
NOT REALLY
DO YOU HAVE TEXT MESSAGES THAT YOU DON'T WANT OTHERS TO SEE OR SOMETHING?
Or people in your contact list?
Geez



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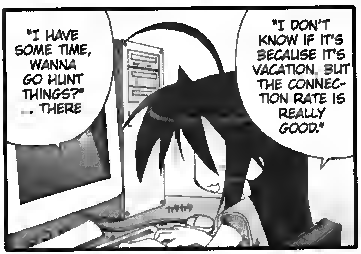
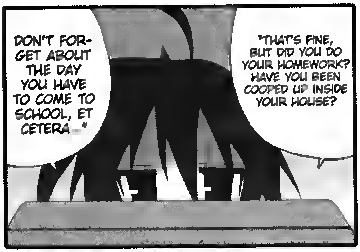
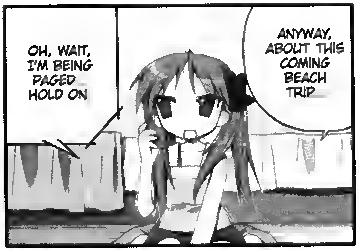
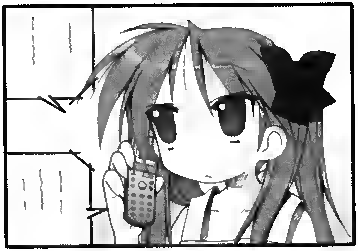


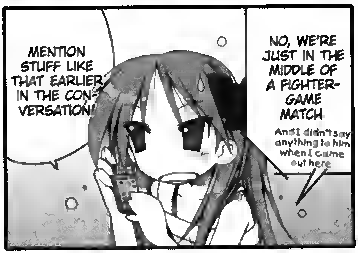

DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE DAY YOU HAVE TO COME TO SCHOOL, ET CETERA..."
"THAT'S FINE, BUT DID YOU DO YOUR HOMEWORK? HAVE YOU BEEN COOPED UP INSIDE YOUR HOUSE?

waiting time





OH, SORRY BUT I HAD THOUGHT THAT YOUR HOUSE WAS RATHER LENIENT ON STUFF LIKE THAT
But actually it's pretty strict?
HE SCOLDED ME FOR TALKING TOO LONG ON THE PHONE!

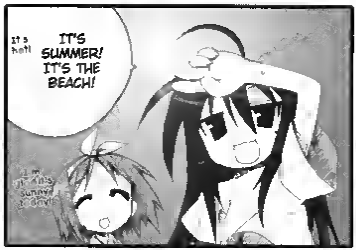

MENTION STUFF LIKE THAT EARLIER IN THE CONVERSATION!
NO, WE'RE JUST IN THE MIDDLE OF A FIGHTER-GAME MATCH
And I didn't say anything to him when I came out here

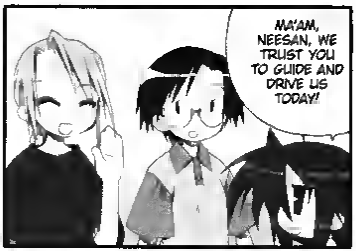
OH NO, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT
I'M SORRY THAT WE BROUGHT YOU OUT ON YOUR DAY OFF

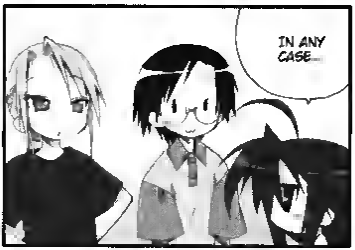
THAT'S RIGHT, LEAVE ALL THE TRAFFIC LAWS TO ME!
NARUMI-SAN, YOU'RE A POLICE OFFICER IN THE TRAFFIC SAFETY DIVISION, RIGHT?

EH?
HEY, HE PASSED ME ..

WAIT, HEY, TRAFFIC SAFETY DIVISION!?
Some strange switch turned on inside her!?
DAMN HIM ..!
He's got some nerve

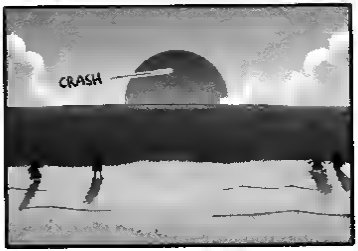

It's hot!
IT'S SUMMER! IT'S THE BEACH!

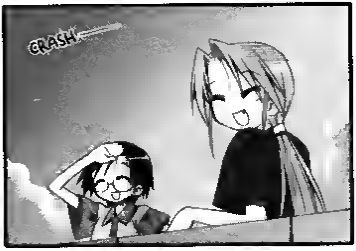

MA'AM, NEESAN, WE TRUST YOU TO GUIDE AND DRIVE US TODAY!


IN ANY CASE...

CLACK
After all, it's your days off
BOTH OF YOU HAVE QUITE A BIT OF TIME ON YOUR HANDS

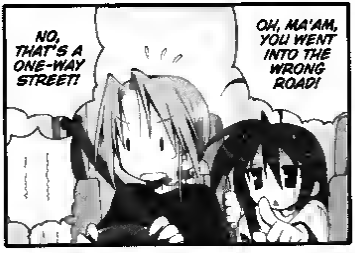
result





miscalculation

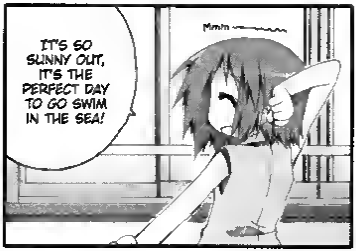
OH, I SEE...
Unusual for a police officer
Hahaha
NEESAN GOES OUT OF CONTROL WHEN SHE'S BEHIND THE WHEEL.
Kagami and Tsukasa can't be the human sacrifices



just like back then

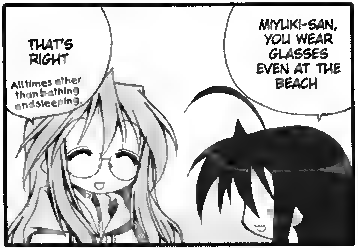
KAGAMIN, THERE ARE NEEDS FOR SUCH THINGS AS WELL
I DON'T THINK I'VE HEARD OF ANYONE YOUR AGE WEARING THEIR SCHOOL-SPECIFIED BATHING SUIT...

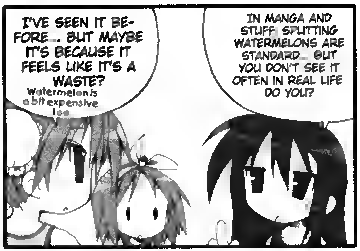
aimed shot

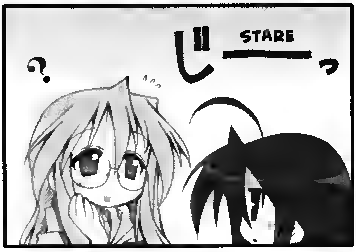


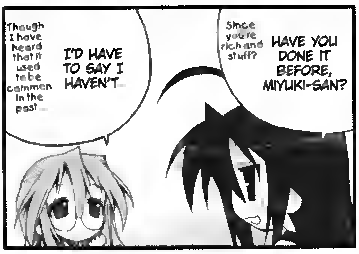
fixtures of summer

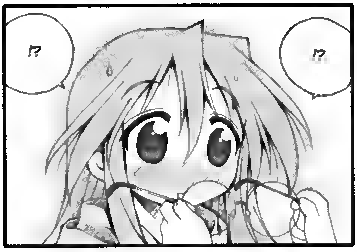
girls with eyeglasses



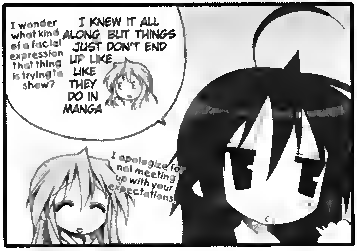

I'VE SEEN IT BEFORE... BUT MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE IT FEELS LIKE IT'S A WASTE?
Watermelon is a bit expensive too
IN MANGA AND STUFF, SPLITTING WATERMELONS ARE STANDARD... BUT YOU DON'T SEE IT OFTEN IN REAL LIFE DO YOU?




Though I have heard that it used to be common in the past...
I'D HAVE TO SAY I HAVEN'T.
Since you're rich and stuff?
HAVE YOU DONE IT BEFORE, MIYUKI-SAN?

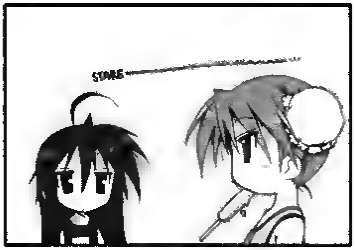


NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, YEAH
COME TO THIK, IMAGES HAVE IT THAT THE RICH ARE EVEN LESS LIKELY TO HAVE DONE IT.
Hmm...
Strange.
Is it more likely to be done when there are large groups?

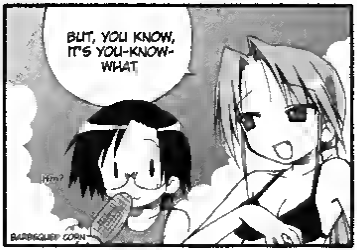

I wonder what kind of a facial expression that thing is trying to show?
I KNEW IT ALL ALONG BUT THINGS JUST DON'T END UP LIKE THEY DO IN MANGA
I apologize for not meeting up with your expectations.

THE BEACH IS A MECCA FOR PICKING GIRLS UP... BUT WE SURE HAVE NOTHING GOING FOR US
Well it's us we're talkin' about

BE-SIDES ...
BUT IT'S GOOD, BE-CAUSE WE'RE NOT BEING ANNOYED!


STARE

...WE HAVE SOMEONE LIKE THIS WITH US, SO MAYBE THEY ALL THINK WE'RE JUST SISTERS THAT ARE ON A FAMILY VACATION?
Of course that would make it hard for them to approach us!
Ugh...


BUT, YOU KNOW, IT'S YOU-KNOW-WHAT
Hm?
BARBEQUED CORN

BOTH OF US LONERS REALLY HAVE IT LONELY, HAVING TO COME TO THE BEACH IN AN ALL-GIRLS GROUP AT OUR AGE TO CHAPER-ONE, DON'T YOU THINK?

YOU HAVE IT WRONG! I CAN MAKE TIME ONLY BECAUSE MY HUSBAND AND I HAVE A COMMUTER MARRIAGE... I'M ACTUALLY MARRIED!!

Lucky☆Star

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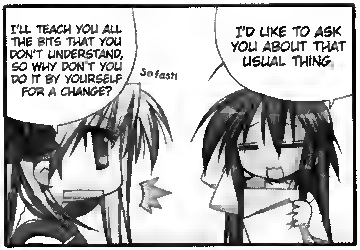
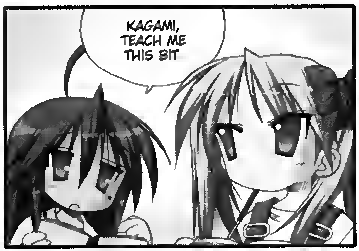
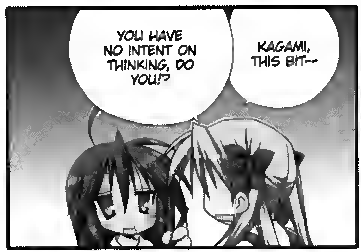
full of memories


I'LL TEACH YOU ALL THE BITS THAT YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, SO WHY DON'T YOU DO IT BY YOURSELF FOR A CHANGE?
Sofast!
I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU ABOUT THAT USUAL THING.





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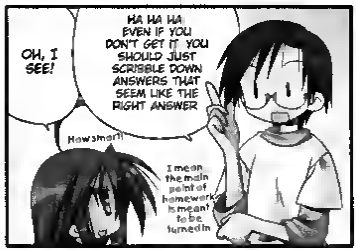
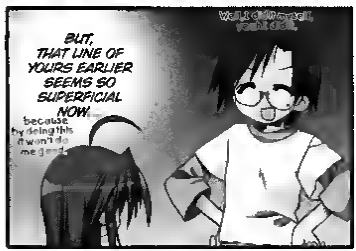
answer that can be made immediately

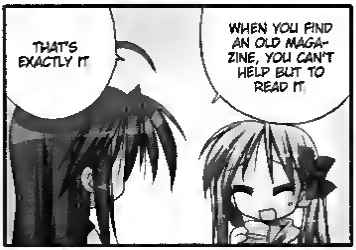
as a person

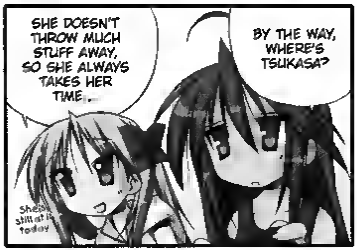

OH, I SEE!
HA HA HA EVEN IF YOU DON'T GET IT YOU SHOULD JUST SCRIBBLE DOWN ANSWERS THAT SEEM LIKE THE RIGHT ANSWER
How smart!
I mean the main point of homework is meant to be turned in



YOU SHOULDN'T RELY ON OTHER PEOPLE ALL THE TIME BECAUSE IT WON'T DO YOU ANY GOOD!
Well, as a police officer looking over a good girl

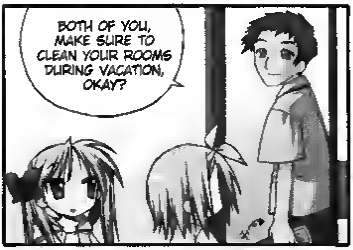
image of being on offense

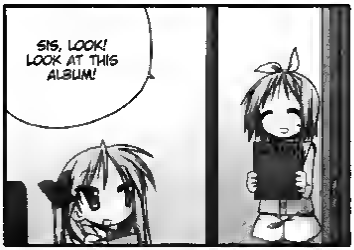


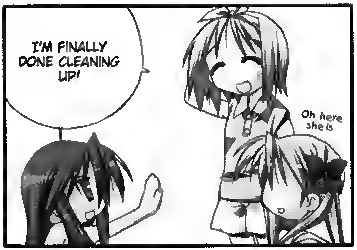


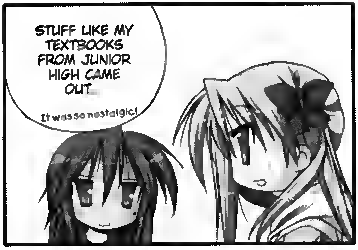
YOU KNOW, WHY IS YOUR IMAGE OF ME SO AGGRESSIVE?
It always makes me think...
ON THE OTHER HAND KAGAMI, YOU SEEM TO BE THE TYPE THAT THROWS EVERYTHING AWAY
YEAH TSUKASA SEEMS TO BE THE TYPE THAT KEEPS EVERYTHING

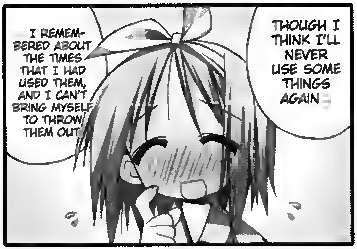
rewinding time, passing time

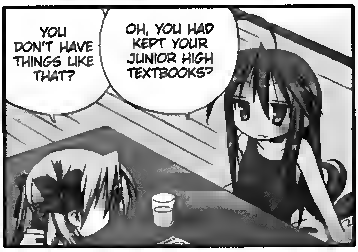


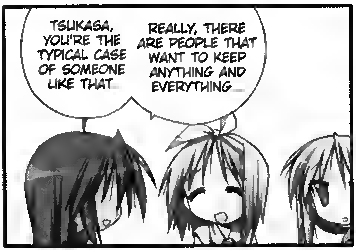


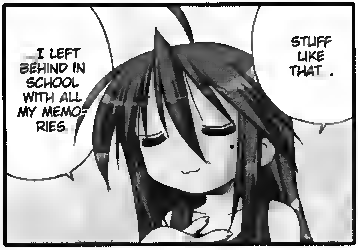

I'M FINALLY DONE CLEANING UP!
Oh here she is


STUFF LIKE MY TEXTBOOKS FROM JUNIOR HIGH CAME OUT...
It was so nostalgic!

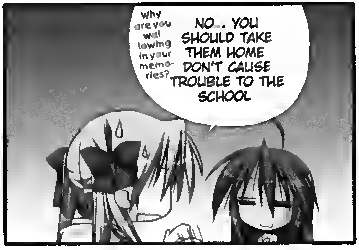

I REMEMBERED ABOUT THE TIMES THAT I HAD USED THEM, AND I CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO THROW THEM OUT.
THOUGH I THINK I'LL NEVER USE SOME THINGS AGAIN...

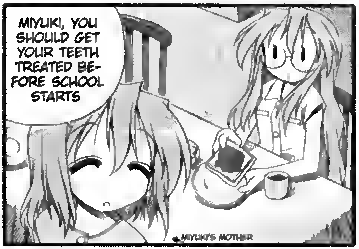

YOU DON'T HAVE THINGS LIKE THAT?
OH, YOU HAD KEPT YOUR JUNIOR HIGH TEXTBOOKS?

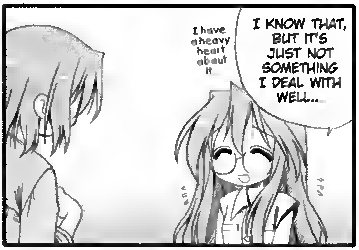

TSUKASA, YOU'RE THE TYPICAL CASE OF SOMEONE LIKE THAT...
REALLY, THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT WANT TO KEEP ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING...

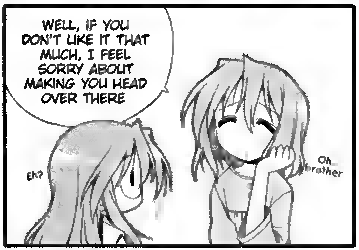

...I LEFT BEHIND IN SCHOOL WITH ALL MY MEMORIES.
STUFF LIKE THAT.

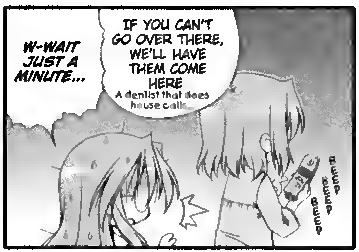
YOU, ON THE OTHER HAND, MIGHT EVEN THROW AWAY SOMETHING THAT YOU NEED
I mean, you leave behind your t-shirts sale and stuff already
Hmm...


Why are you still bawling in your memories?
NO... YOU SHOULD TAKE THEM HOME DON'T CAUSE TROUBLE TO THE SCHOOL









episode 17

when time passes, even things you don't like

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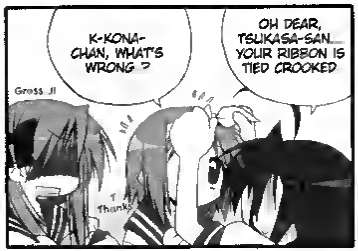
OH, IT'S KONA-CHAN... MORNING!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE LAST WORE THESE UNIFORMS

HOW DO YOU DO?
OH, KAG-AMI-SAN, TSUKASA-SAN...
TWINKLE

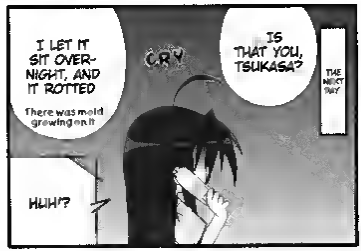

K-KONA-CHAN, WHAT'S WRONG...?
OH DEAR, TSUKASA-SAN... YOUR RIBBON IS TIED CROOKED
Gross...!!
Thanks...

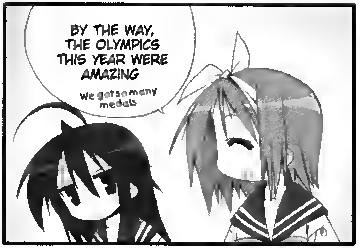
YOU REALLY GET INFLUENCED TOO EASILY...
Are you a child?
WELL, I RECENTLY GOT COMPLETELY HOOKED ON A CERTAIN ANIME SERIES...
I wonder what the series is about?

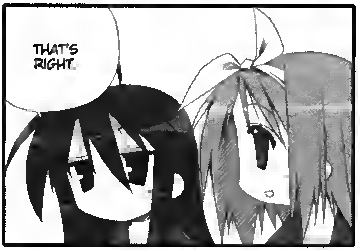
I SEE... WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE?
I'M IN CHARGE OF COOKING DINNER TONIGHT
I have to go grocery shopping on my way home

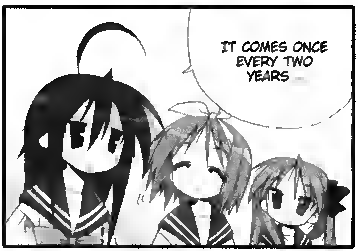
I HEAR THAT WHEN YOU LET CURRY SIT OVER-NIGHT IT GETS TASTIER.
Curry sounds good!
CHICKEN CURRY - EVERYONE'S FAVORITE.
Everyone in our family loves chicken.

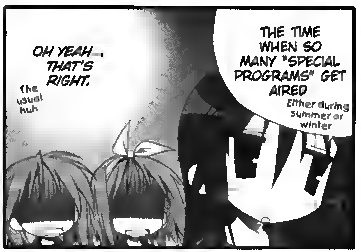
I SEE I GUESS I'LL MAKE A BIT EXTRA, AND EAT SOME TOMORROW...
I mean, we'll have leftovers anyway.
I see

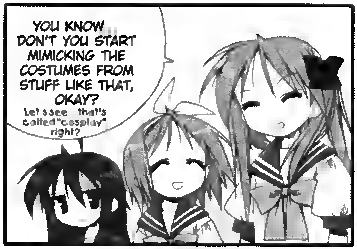

I LET IT SIT OVER-NIGHT, AND IT ROTTED
There was mold growing on it
HUH!?
CRY
IS THAT YOU, TSUKASA?
THE NEXT DAY

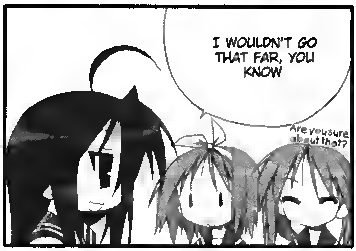

BY THE WAY, THE OLYMPICS THIS YEAR WERE AMAZING
We got so many medals


THAT'S RIGHT.

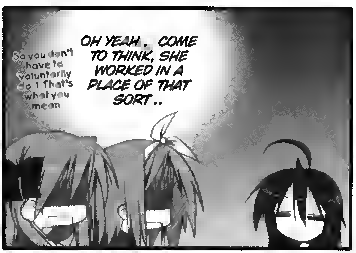

IT COMES ONCE EVERY TWO YEARS


OH YEAH... THAT'S RIGHT.
the usual huh
THE TIME WHEN SO MANY "SPECIAL PROGRAMS" GET AIRED
Either during summer or winter


YOU KNOW DON'T YOU START MIMICKING THE COSTUMES FROM STUFF LIKE THAT, OKAY?
Let's see... that's called "cosplay" right?

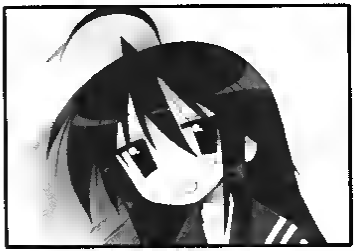

I WOULDN'T GO THAT FAR, YOU KNOW
Are you sure about that??

I ALREADY DO A LOT OF THAT AT WORK


So you don't have to voluntarily do it that's what you mean
OH YEAH.. COME TO THINK, SHE WORKED IN A PLACE OF THAT SORT..

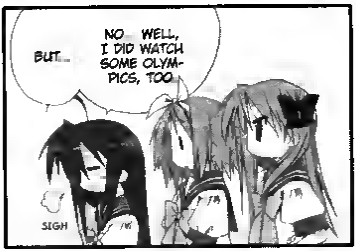
rubbing salt on a wound

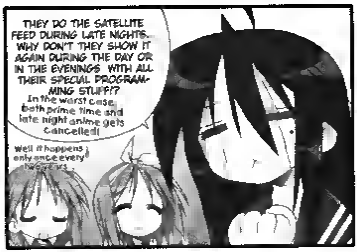
they have channels just for that one stuff, right?
IF YOU WANT TO WATCH ANIME THAT MUCH, WHY DON'T YOU SUBSCRIBE TO CABLE OR SOMETHING?



THE CABLE GUYS SAID ALL SORTS OF STUFF TO ME, ALL ENDING WITH "WE CAN'T PROVIDE SERVICE HERE." grumble grumble.
HEH, IF I COULD, I'D LIKE TO GET IT, YOU KNOW

a large typhoon

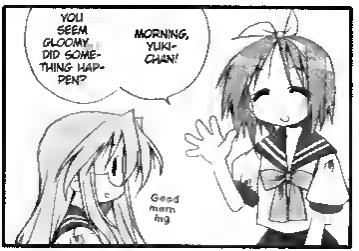


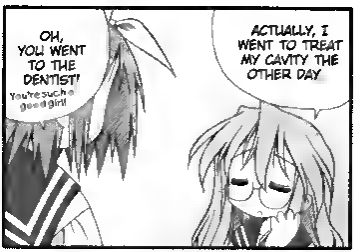

THEY DO THE SATELLITE FEED DURING LATE NIGHTS. WHY DON'T THEY SHOW IT AGAIN DURING THE DAY OR IN THE EVENINGS WITH ALL THEIR SPECIAL PROGRAMMING STUFF!?
In the worst case, both prime time and late night anime gets cancelled!
Well it happens only once every few years.

cardboard soldiers

JUST LIKE YOU TOLD ME THE OTHER DAY, I WROTE ANSWERS THAT SEEMED RIGHT EVEN WHEN I DIDN'T REALLY UNDERSTAND IT. BUT NOW I'M FORCED TO DO IT OVER!
Help me!
What the !?
STREAM

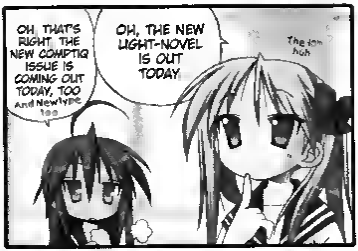
one reason to dislike





WOW, I REALLY KNOW HOW YOU FEEL. I've never been able to finish something in one or two visits.
Aww
WHY IS IT THAT WHEN YOU GO TO A DENTIST ONCE, YOU HAVE TO GO BACK SO MANY TIMES?
I don't want to go any more

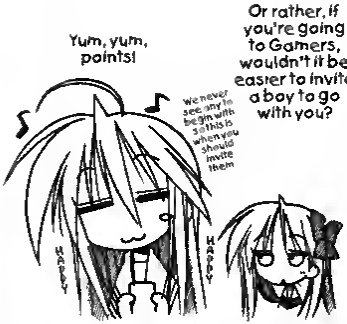
let's go shopping



I have errands to run too
OH, SORRY.. I'LL SETTLE FOR THE LOCAL BOOKSTORE TODAY
I'M GOING TO SWING BY GAMERS NOW - WANT TO COME WITH ME?

WHAT? YOU SURE ARE COMING ON STRONG TODAY In the first place, the word "friend ship" doesn't fit you at all.
THIS IS WHERE YOU COME WITH ME TO NURTURE THE BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN US!

I SEE... SO THAT'S WHAT FRIENDSHIP IS TO YOU...
That's so cheap
WELL, I WANT ALL THE POINTS FROM EVERYONE'S PURCHASES, YOU KNOW?
I can almost touch that and get that one, but I've got my eyes on
What I thought it was like something like that


Yum, yum, points!
We never see any to begin with so this is when you should invite them
Or rather, if you're going to Gamers, wouldn't it be easier to invite a boy to go with you?
HAPPY
HAPPY

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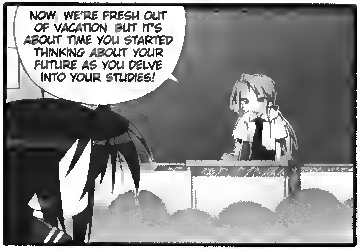
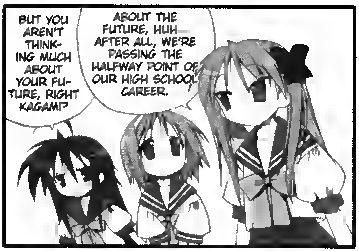
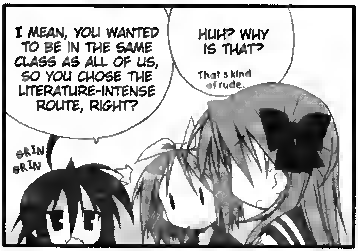
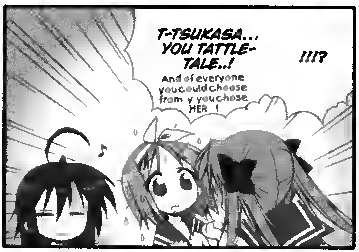
the other side, without the lens




BUT YOU AREN'T THINKING MUCH ABOUT YOUR FUTURE, RIGHT KAGAMI?
ABOUT THE FUTURE, HUH... AFTER ALL, WE'RE PASSING THE HALFWAY POINT OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL CAREER.


I MEAN, YOU WANTED TO BE IN THE SAME CLASS AS ALL OF US, SO YOU CHOSE THE LITERATURE-INTENSE ROUTE, RIGHT?
HUH? WHY IS THAT?
That's kind of rude.
SHIN
SHIN



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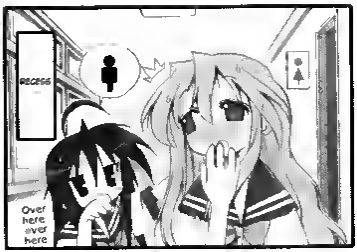
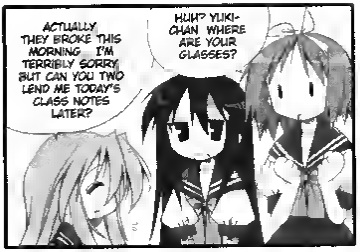
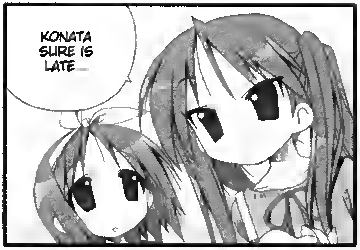


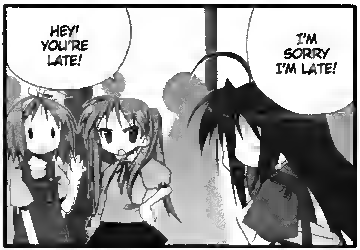
just the sentiments


ACTUALLY, THEY BROKE THIS MORNING... I'M TERRIBLY SORRY, BUT CAN YOU TWO LEND ME TODAY'S CLASS NOTES LATER?
HUH? YUKI-CHAN WHERE ARE YOUR GLASSES?

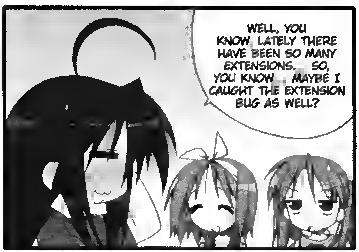
IN GAMES WHEN CHARACTERS IN GLASSES COME TO SCHOOL WITHOUT GLASSES, THEY TEND TO BECOME REALLY POPULAR AMONG THE OPPOSITE GENDER ALL OF A SUDDEN, BUT I GUESS YOU DON'T SEE THAT IN REAL LIFE after all

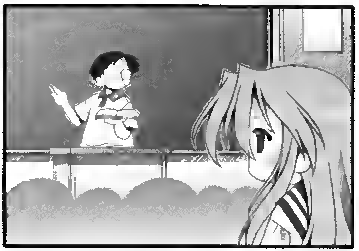
UM, BUT CAN YOU KEEP THIS A SECRET...?
I would hate to pour cold water on their generosity
THEY SURE ARE USELESS...
Do they really have the will to study?
It's a good thing that we have the same teacher in charge of our classes
Thank you so much

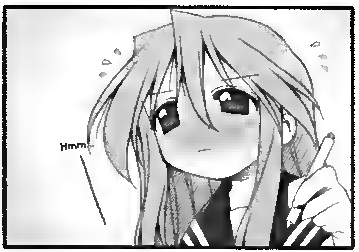

KONATA SURE IS LATE...


HEY! YOU'RE LATE!
I'M SORRY I'M LATE!

YOU ALWAYS COMPLAIN ABOUT HOW THE BASEBALL NIGHT GAME BROADCAST EXTENDS - YOU DON'T HAVE THAT RIGHT IF YOU'RE LOOSE ABOUT TIME AS WELL


WELL, YOU KNOW, LATELY THERE HAVE BEEN SO MANY EXTENSIONS... SO, YOU KNOW... MAYBE I CAUGHT THE EXTENSION BUG AS WELL?

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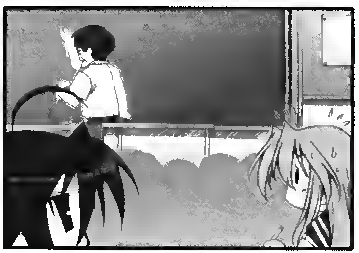

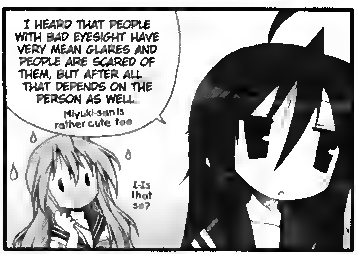
I HEARD THAT PEOPLE WITH BAD EYESIGHT HAVE VERY MEAN GLARES AND PEOPLE ARE SCARED OF THEM, BUT AFTER ALL THAT DEPENDS ON THE PERSON AS WELL.
Miyuki-san is rather cute too
I-Is that so?

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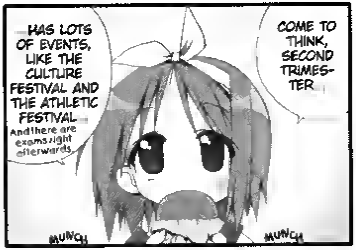
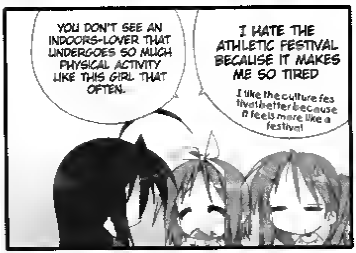
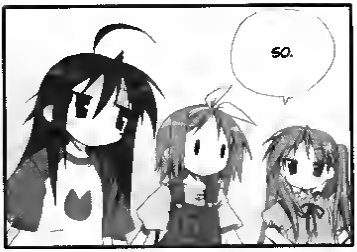

HAS LOTS OF EVENTS, LIKE THE CULTURE FESTIVAL AND THE ATHLETIC FESTIVAL
And there are exams right afterwards.
COME TO THINK, SECOND TRIMESTER
MUNCH
MUNCH

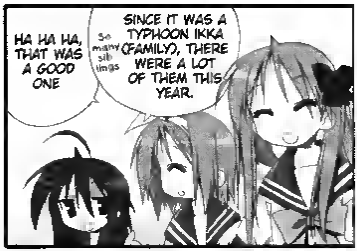

YOU DON'T SEE AN INDOORS-LOVER THAT UNDERGOES SO MUCH PHYSICAL ACTIVITY LIKE THIS GIRL THAT OFTEN.
I HATE THE ATHLETIC FESTIVAL BECAUSE IT MAKES ME SO TIRED
I like the culture festival better because it feels more like a festival

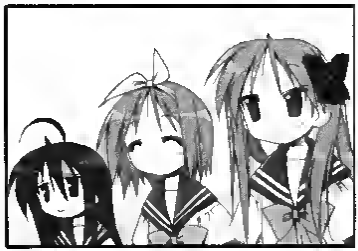
as a person



HEE
YOU ARE THE WORST.
Below even children.
BUT WHEN I STARTED PLAYING A GAME TO PASS THE TIME I COULDN'T FIND A GOOD PLACE TO LEAVE IT OFF...
It really was a good part of the story.

typhoon ikka (=has gone)





I'LL ASK JUST TO BE ON THE SAFE SIDE... YOU WERE MAKING A JOKE EARLIER, RIGHT?
You really don't think that they meant "family" when they said "ikka" did you?
BY THE WAY, WHAT WAS "GOOD"?

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episode 19

preparations for the culture festival!

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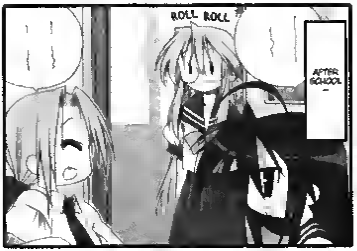
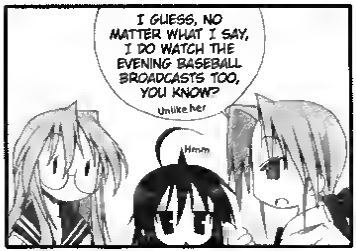
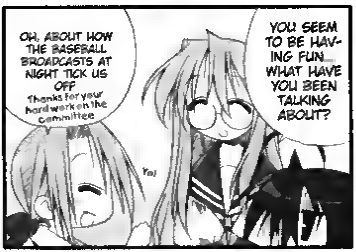
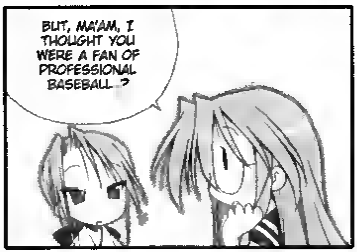
WELL, YEAH
BUT I HAD THOUGHT YOU WERE ALSO A FAN OF THE HANSHIN TIGERS


ROLL ROLL
AFTER SCHOOL

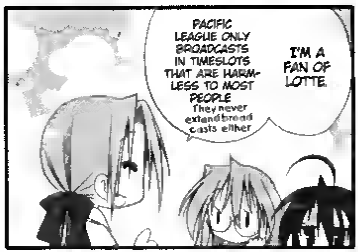

I GUESS, NO MATTER WHAT I SAY, I DO WATCH THE EVENING BASEBALL BROADCASTS TOO, YOU KNOW?
Unlike her
Hmm


OH, ABOUT HOW THE BASEBALL BROADCASTS AT NIGHT TICK US OFF
Thanks for your hard work on the committee
Yes
YOU SEEM TO BE HAVING FUN... WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN TALKING ABOUT?

ABOUT HOW THEY EXTEND THE BROADCASTS?
I'M NOT TICKED OFF ABOUT THE EXTENDED BROADCASTS THEMSELVES, BUT ABOUT HOW THEY EXTEND THE BROADCASTS!
Want me to clench my fists?

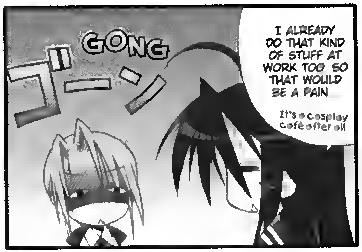

BUT, MA'AM, I THOUGHT YOU WERE A FAN OF PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL...?

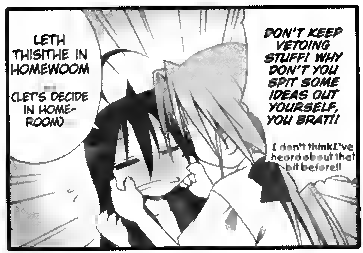
THERE, THERE, MA'AM...
You're not drunk are you?
It doesn't change much to begin with!
IF THEY'RE GOING TO EXTEND THE BROADCAST EXTEND IT UNTIL THE GAME IS OVER. GROSS. IF THEY CAN'T DO THAT IT DOESN'T MATTER IF THEY EXTEND THE BROADCAST OR NOT!


PACIFIC LEAGUE ONLY BROADCASTS IN TIMESLOTS THAT ARE HARMLESS TO MOST PEOPLE They never extend broadcasts either
I'M A FAN OF LOTTE.

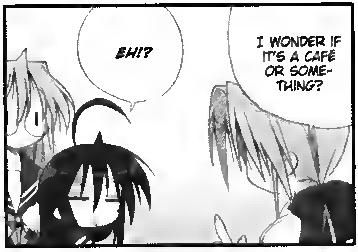
lover of festivals

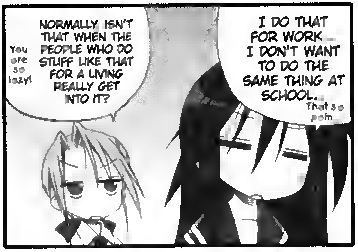
TO MAKE IT INTO A DIFFERENT ATMOSPHERE... RIGHT?
Wouldn't it be fun if you turned it into that sort of thing?
THEY DECORATE WITH PLUSH TOYS AND WEAR COSTUMES...

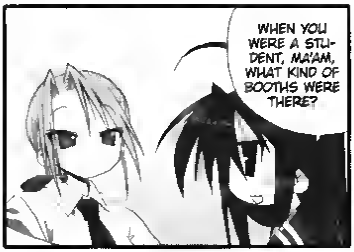



LETH THISITHE IN HOMEWOOM
CLET'S DECIDE IN HOME-ROOM!
DON'T KEEP VETOING STUFF! WHY DON'T YOU SPIT SOME IDEAS OUT YOURSELF, YOU BRAT!!
I don't think I've heard about that stuff before!!

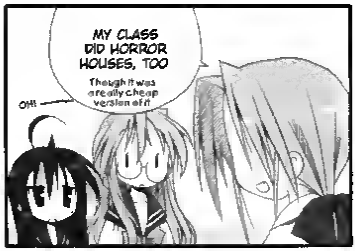
want to stand out, but not diligent

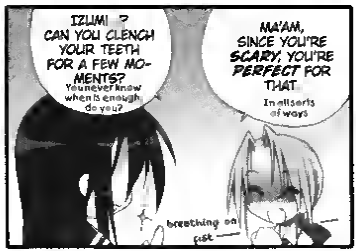



NORMALLY, ISN'T THAT WHEN THE PEOPLE WHO DO STUFF LIKE THAT FOR A LIVING REALLY GET INTO IT?
You are so lazy!
I DO THAT FOR WORK... I DON'T WANT TO DO THE SAME THING AT SCHOOL...
That's a pain.


WHEN YOU WERE A STUDENT, MA'AM, WHAT KIND OF BOOTHS WERE THERE?

BUT THERE WERE GUYS THAT MADE COSTUME RENTAL BOOTHS OR PLANETARIUMS, TOO
HM... LET'S SEE... THERE WERE MANY FOOD-RELATED BOOTHS LIKE NOW...

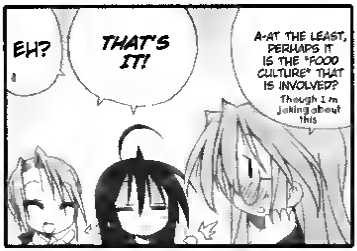

MY CLASS DID HORROR HOUSES, TOO
Though it was a really cheap version of it!
OH!!


IZUMI...? CAN YOU CLENCH YOUR TEETH FOR A FEW MOMENTS? You never know when is enough, do you?
MA'AM, SINCE YOU'RE SCARY, YOU'RE PERFECT FOR THAT.
In all sorts of ways
breathing as fast

A STAPLE OF THE CULTURE FESTIVAL.
THROB
THROB

IT WOULD BE TASTIER IF THEY HAD BEER.
I know that's impossible until we get to drink even if there was some...
SOMETIMES THEY HAVE TAKOYAKI SHOPS
THEY USUALLY HAVE A LOT OF SNACK STANDS OR CAFÉS

WHAT IS THE "CULTURE" IN THE CULTURE FESTIVAL...?
Where is it?
SO, I THOUGHT.

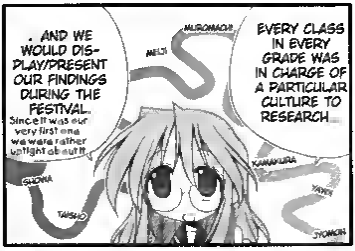

EH?
THAT'S IT!
A-AT THE LEAST, PERHAPS IT IS THE "FOOD CULTURE" THAT IS INVOLVED?
Though I'm joking ahead this

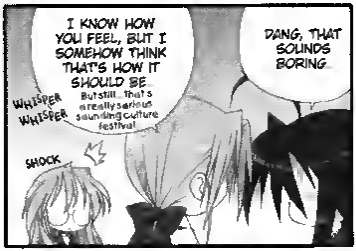
question time

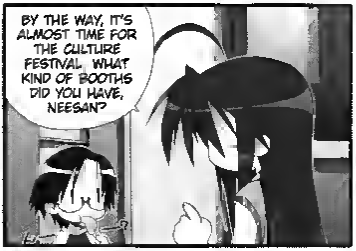
DID KONA-CHAN SAY SOMETHING STRANGE?
I didn't see anything wrong about what she said, either
ABOUT THIS MORNING...
SCARED
SCARED

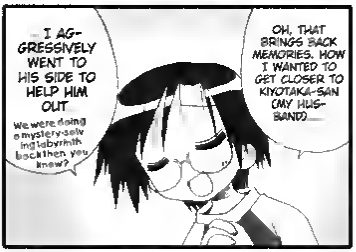
reality

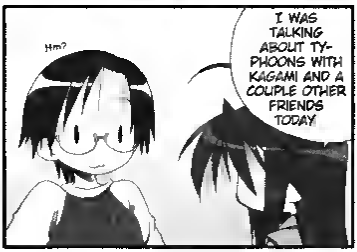
I SEE.
ACTUALLY WE NEVER HAD CULTURE FESTIVALS WHEN I FIRST ENTERED THE SCHOOL, AND THEY HELD THE VERY FIRST ONE IN MY 9TH GRADE YEAR.


...AND WE WOULD DISPLAY/PRESENT OUR FINDINGS DURING THE FESTIVAL.
Since it was our very first one we were rather uptight about it!!
EVERY CLASS IN EVERY GRADE WAS IN CHARGE OF A PARTICULAR CULTURE TO RESEARCH...
MIKI
MIYUKI
KAGAMI
TSUKASA
HIIRAGI
YUTAKA
MIYAKI


I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, BUT I SOMEHOW THINK THAT'S HOW IT SHOULD BE
But still... that's a really serious sounding culture festival
WHISPER WHISPER
DANG, THAT SOUNDS BORING.
SHOCK

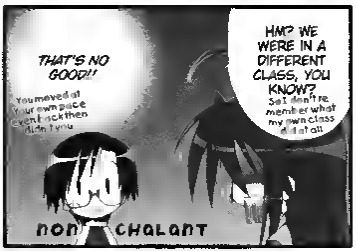

BY THE WAY, IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE CULTURE FESTIVAL. WHAT KIND OF BOOTHS DID YOU HAVE, NEESAN?

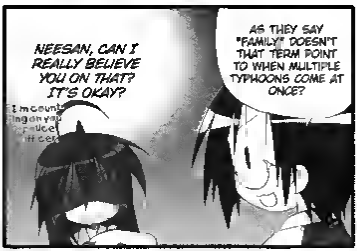

I AG-GRESSIVELY WENT TO HIS SIDE TO HELP HIM OUT
We were doing a mystery-solving labyrinth back then, you know?
OH, THAT BRINGS BACK MEMORIES. HOW I WANTED TO GET CLOSER TO KIYOTAKA-SAN (MY HUSBAND)...


Hm?
I WAS TALKING ABOUT TYPHOONS WITH KAGAMI AND A COUPLE OTHER FRIENDS TODAY.

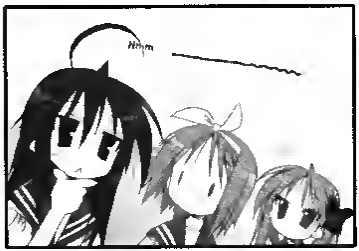
This is the first time I've heard of it
I SEE NEESAN, SO YOU WERE CLASSMATES WITH KI-NIISAN?
Oh, both of us were young, so young

I WAS THINKING THAT THEY THOUGHT OF EVERY TYPHOON THAT COMES THAT YEAR AS A FAMILY AND THAT'S WHY THEY SAY "TYPHOON IKKA" WHEN THEY'RE ALL OVER BUT THAT'S NOT THE RIGHT IDEA?


THAT'S NO GOOD!!
You moved at your own pace, even back then, didn't you.
HM? WE WERE IN A DIFFERENT CLASS, YOU KNOW? So I don't remember what my own class did at all.
NON CHALANT

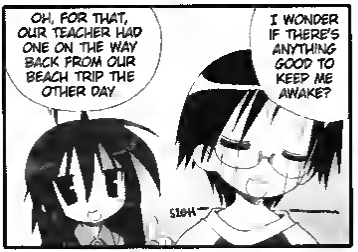

NEESAN, CAN I REALLY BELIEVE YOU ON THAT? IT'S OKAY?
I'm counting on you, Neesan!
AS THEY SAY "FAMILY" DOESN'T THAT TERM POINT TO WHEN MULTIPLE TYPHOONS COME AT ONCE?

malfunction



YOU SEEM TO BE WANTING TO SAY I'M SUITED FOR NEITHER?
Well, excuse me!
KAGAMI, ARE YOU GOING TO BE IN THE KITCHEN, OR ARE YOU GOING TO BE A WAITRESS?

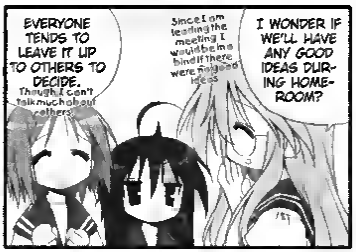
getting past sleepiness

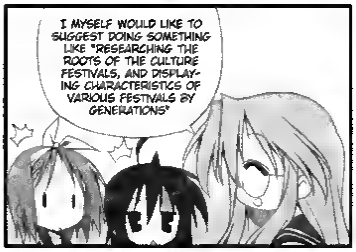

OH, FOR THAT, OUR TEACHER HAD ONE ON THE WAY BACK FROM OUR BEACH TRIP THE OTHER DAY
I WONDER IF THERE'S ANYTHING GOOD TO KEEP ME AWAKE?
SIGH

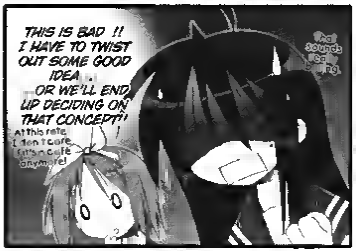
YEAH. WHEN I GET SLEEPY, I THINK "IF I GET INTO AN ACCIDENT NOW, I'D BE REALLY EMBARRASSED WHEN THEY'RE DOING THE CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATIONS" AND THAT WAY I DON'T FEEL SLEEPY ANYMORE. GET IT?
OH, MA'AM, YOU LISTEN TO ANIME SONGS TOO?

detecting danger

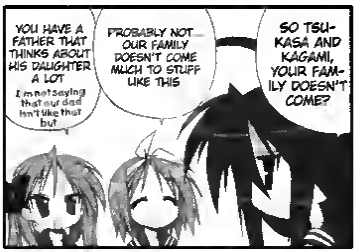
I HEARD YOU WERE TALKING WITH THE TEACHERS YESTERDAY ABOUT WHAT WE WERE GOING TO DO FOR THE CULTURE FESTIVAL?
Morning Yuki Chan~
Good morning


EVERYONE TENDS TO LEAVE IT UP TO OTHERS TO DECIDE.
Though, I can't talk much about others
Since I am leading the meeting I would be in a bind if there were no good ideas
I WONDER IF WE'LL HAVE ANY GOOD IDEAS DURING HOMEROOM?


I MYSELF WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST DOING SOMETHING LIKE "RESEARCHING THE ROOTS OF THE CULTURE FESTIVALS, AND DISPLAYING CHARACTERISTICS OF VARIOUS FESTIVALS BY GENERATIONS"


THIS IS BAD !! I HAVE TO TWIST OUT SOME GOOD IDEA .. OR WE'LL END UP DECIDING ON THAT CONCEPT!!
At this rate I don't care, fatten cafe anymore!
That sounds like Yu.

embarrassing


YOU HAVE A FATHER THAT THINKS ABOUT HIS DAUGHTER A LOT
I'm not saying that my dad isn't like that but
PROBABLY NOT... OUR FAMILY DOESN'T COME MUCH TO STUFF LIKE THIS
SO TSUKASA AND KAGAMI, YOUR FAMILY DOESN'T COME?

I MEAN, HIS OBJECTIVE ISN'T ME
He said he was sad that he couldn't come visit school more often.
HMM.. IT'S NOT ABOUT HIM CARING ABOUT ME...

Lucky☆Star

episode 20

the days until the athletic festival!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BUY IT. YOU SHOULD JUST BORROW THE BOOKS FROM THE LIBRARY
I'm sure they have a lot of the books you want to read, you know?

READING BOOKS, HUH... READING BOOKS, HUH...
Is that the only choice you have?
NO, LIBRARIES WOULDN'T GO TO THE EXTENT ON STOCKING UP ON MANGA...

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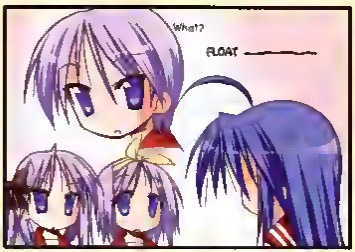
BUT, IF YOU WERE TO CUT YOUR HAIR, KAGAMI...
HMMMM

STARE


What?
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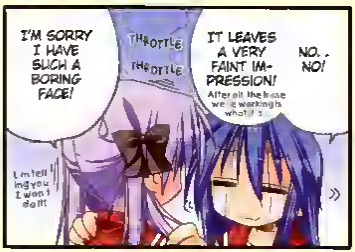
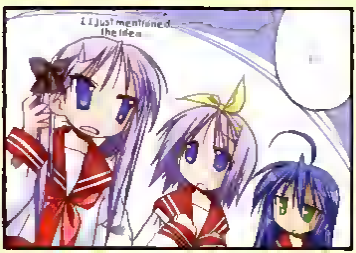
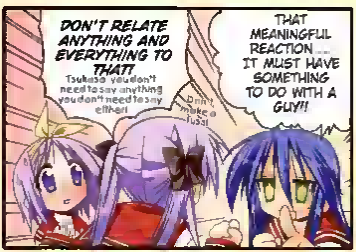

I'M SORRY I HAVE SUCH A BORING FACE!
THROTTLE
THROTTLE
IT LEAVES A VERY FAINT IM-PRESSION!
After all the hose we're wearing is white!
NO. . NO!
I'm telling you I won't do it!!

OH, MAYBE I SHOULD CUT MY HAIR FOR THE ATHLETIC FESTIVAL ....
like going all out and getting really short hair

EH!?
SIS, YOU'RE GOING TO CUT YOUR HAIR?
You've been growing it out for all this time

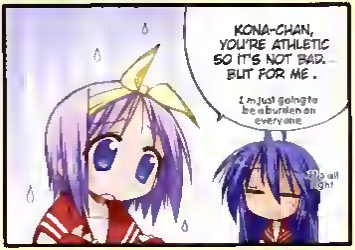

I just mentioned the idea


DON'T RELATE ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING TO THAT!
Tsukasa you don't need to say anything you don't need to say either!
Don't make a fuss!
THAT MEANINGFUL REACTION .... IT MUST HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH A GUY!!

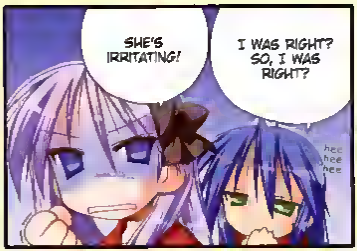
SO, IN THE END.

COME TO THINK, IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE ATHLETIC FESTIVAL... IT'S SUCH A CHORE
That's not a line that a young person says!

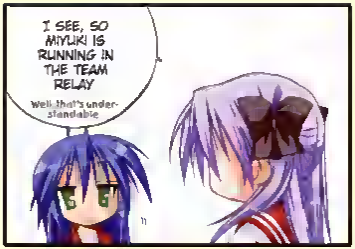
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO RUN IN, KAGAMI?

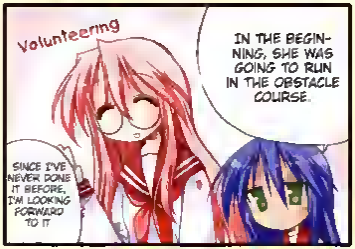

KONA-CHAN, YOU'RE athletic SO IT'S NOT BAD. BUT FOR ME.
I'm just going to be a burden on everyone
She's all right

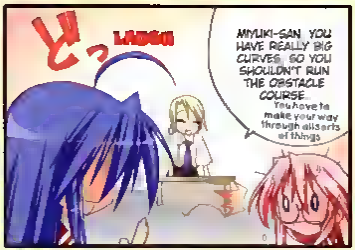
SIS, WHICH EVENT ARE YOU GOING TO PARTICIPATE IN?
The relay because you can run pretty fast?

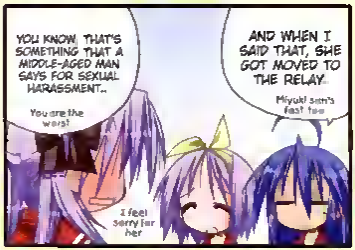

SHE'S IRRITATING!
I WAS RIGHT? SO, I WAS RIGHT?
hee hee hee

I'VE BEEN THINKING FOR A WHILE NOW, BUT ARE YOU TRYING TO PICK A FIGHT WITH ME?
You sound too lively with that
WELL, KNOWING KAGAMI, IT HAS TO BE, YOU KNOW, THE BREAD-EATING RACE!
I think she'd be pretty fast with that appetite of hers!

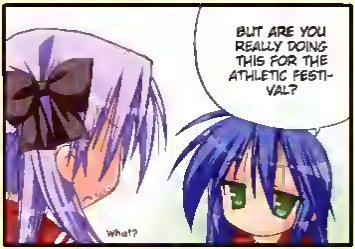

I SEE, SO MIYUKI IS RUNNING IN THE TEAM RELAY
Well, that's understandable

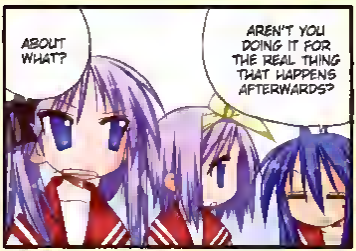

Volunteering
IN THE BEGINNING, SHE WAS GOING TO RUN IN THE OBSTACLE COURSE.
SINCE I'VE NEVER DONE IT BEFORE, I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT

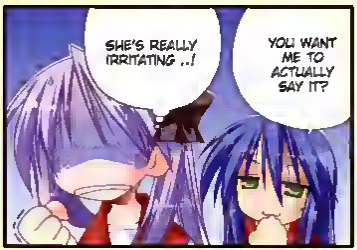

LAUGH
MIYUKI-SAN, YOU HAVE REALLY BIG CURVES. SO YOU SHOULDN'T RUN THE OBSTACLE COURSE.
You have to make your way through all sorts of things


YOU KNOW, THAT'S SOMETHING THAT A MIDDLE-AGED MAN SAYS FOR SEXUAL HARASSMENT..
You are the worst
AND WHEN I SAID THAT, SHE GOT MOVED TO THE RELAY.
Miyuki-san's fast too
I feel sorry for her

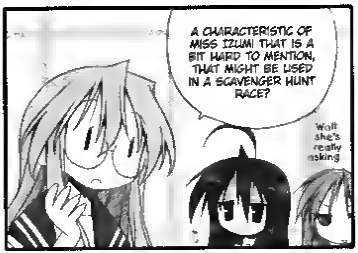
I SEE...
SO, I'VE BEEN TRAINING ON MY OWN FOR THE ATHLETIC FESTIVAL.
Since they say autumn is the season for sports

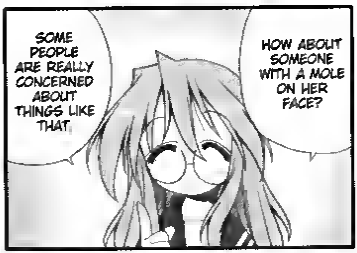

BUT ARE YOU REALLY DOING THIS FOR THE ATHLETIC FESTIVAL?
What?


ABOUT WHAT?
AREN'T YOU DOING IT FOR THE REAL THING THAT HAPPENS AFTERWARDS?


SHE'S REALLY IRRITATING ..!
YOU WANT ME TO ACTUALLY SAY IT?

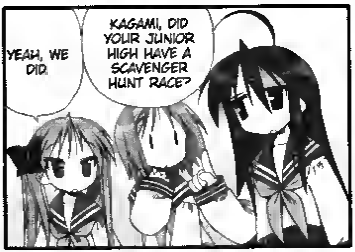
DON'T ASK STUFF LIKE THAT.
That's same thing that is severely hard to answer
WELL, I GUESS I'LL ASK MIYUKI-SAN ABOUT THINGS THAT I DON'T KNOW.


A CHARACTERISTIC OF MISS IZUMI THAT IS A BIT HARD TO MENTION, THAT MIGHT BE USED IN A SCAVENGER HUNT RACE?
Wait she's really asking

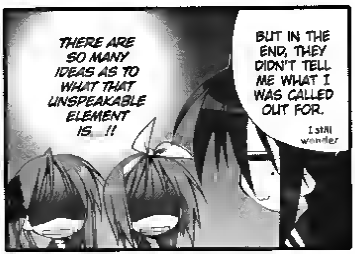

SOME PEOPLE ARE REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THINGS LIKE THAT.
HOW ABOUT SOMEONE WITH A MOLE ON HER FACE?

But I don't think that's it
NOTHING LESS FROM HER ... OR RATHER SHE'S GOT DODGING DIFFICULT SITUATIONS DOWN PAT !!

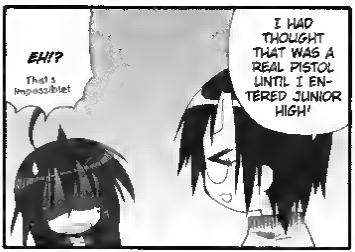
I'M REMINDED OF SOMETHING WHEN I THINK OF ATHLETIC FESTIVALS.
Come to think

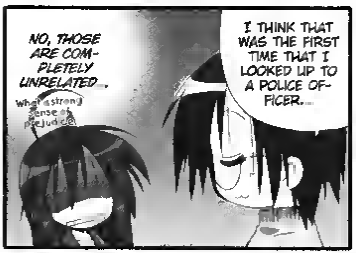

YEAH, WE DID.
KAGAMI, DID YOUR JUNIOR HIGH HAVE A SCAVENGER HUNT RACE?

THERE WAS A TIME THAT PICKED ME AS THE "TARGET ITEM".
Izumi can't come with

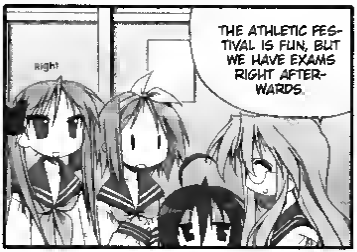

THERE ARE SO MANY IDEAS AS TO WHAT THAT UNSPEAKABLE ELEMENT IS. !!
BUT IN THE END, THEY DIDN'T TELL ME WHAT I WAS CALLED OUT FOR.
I still wonder

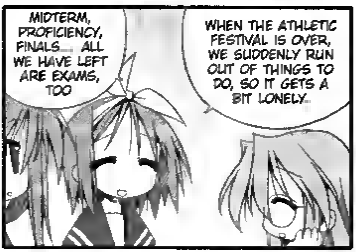
starting, in all sorts of ways



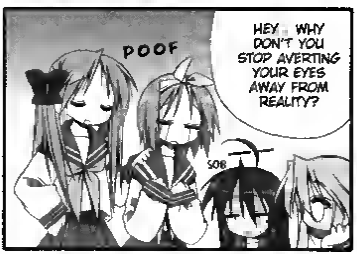

NO, THOSE ARE COMPLETELY UNRELATED...
What a strong sense of prejudice
I THINK THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT I LOOKED UP TO A POLICE OFFICER...

don't think about the future



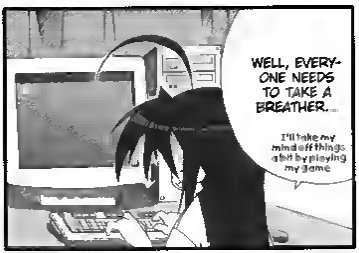

MIDTERM, PROFICIENCY, FINALS... ALL WE HAVE LEFT ARE EXAMS, TOO
WHEN THE ATHLETIC FESTIVAL IS OVER, WE SUDDENLY RUN OUT OF THINGS TO DO, SO IT GETS A BIT LONELY.

THE MIDTERM RIGHT AFTER THEM IS ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT, I THINK...
SECOND TRIMESTER IS ALWAYS FULL OF EVENTS SO YOU END UP USING ALL YOUR ENERGY IN THE CULTURE FESTIVAL AND ATHLETIC FESTIVAL



Lucky☆Star

episode 21
personality



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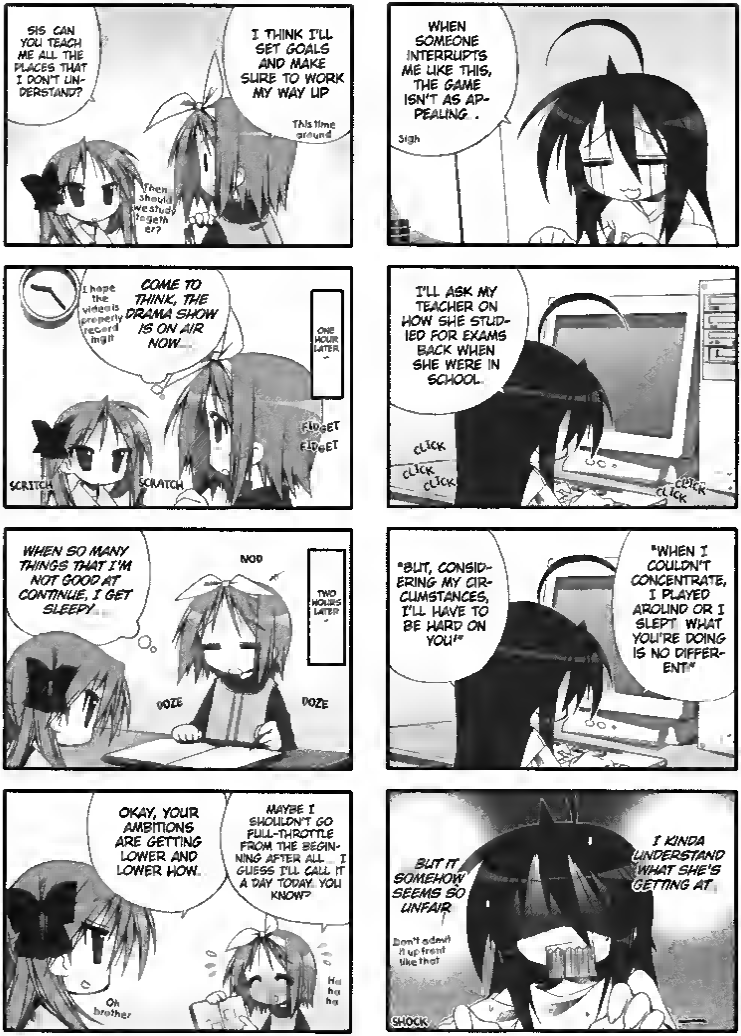
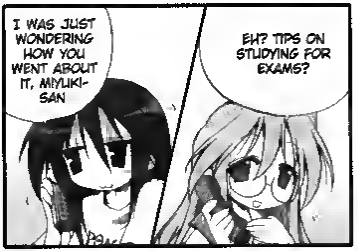

SIS CAN YOU TEACH ME ALL THE PLACES THAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND?
I THINK I'LL SET GOALS AND MAKE SURE TO WORK MY WAY UP
This time around
Then should we study together?
WHEN SOMEONE INTERRUPTS ME LIKE THIS, THE GAME ISN'T AS APPEALING.
Sigh
I hope the video is properly recorded in it!
COME TO THINK, THE DRAMA SHOW IS ON AIR NOW...
ONE HOUR LATER...
FIDGET FIDGET
SCRITCH
SCRATCH
I'LL ASK MY TEACHER ON HOW SHE STUDIED FOR EXAMS BACK WHEN SHE WERE IN SCHOOL.
CLICK CLICK CLICK
CLICK CLICK
WHEN SO MANY THINGS THAT I'M NOT GOOD AT CONTINUE, I GET SLEEPY...
NOD
TWO HOURS LATER...
DOZE
DOZE
"BUT, CONSIDERING MY CIRCUMSTANCES, I'LL HAVE TO BE HARD ON YOU!"
"WHEN I COULDN'T CONCENTRATE, I PLAYED AROUND OR I SLEPT. WHAT YOU'RE DOING IS NO DIFFERENT."
OKAY, YOUR AMBITIONS ARE GETTING LOWER AND LOWER HOW.
MAYBE I SHOULDN'T GO FULL-THROTTLE FROM THE BEGINNING AFTER ALL... I GUESS I'LL CALL IT A DAY TODAY. YOU KNOW?
Oh brother
Ha ha ha
BUT IT SOMEHOW SEEMS SO UNFAIR
I KINDA UNDERSTAND WHAT SHE'S GETTING AT.
Don't admit it up front like that
SHOCK

drowning because there is no battle plan

HOW ABOUT YOU?
EVEN YOU HAVE TIMES LIKE THAT, KAGAMI?
THIS TIME AROUND, I DIDN'T DO SO WELL.
I'm slightly shocked
Sis was helping me out the whole time
I'm sorry

IT'S NOT MYSTERIOUS AT ALL. OR RATHER, IT WAS PRETTY INEVITABLE.
MYSTERIOUSLY ENOUGH, IT WAS NO GOOD..
I was pretty confident too
That confidence of yours is 10 % an illusion

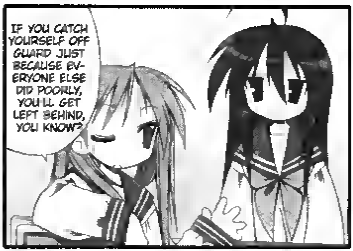
advice

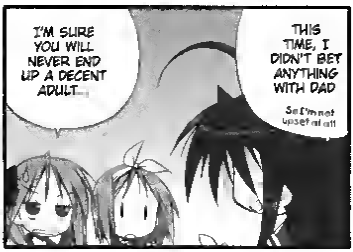


IN MY CASE, I JUST TRY TO BEHAVE AS I USU-ALLY DO
Though I look over what we did in class a bit longer than usual
LET'S SEE IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT TOO MUCH, I'M SURE YOU WILL BURN OUT FROM THE STRESS.

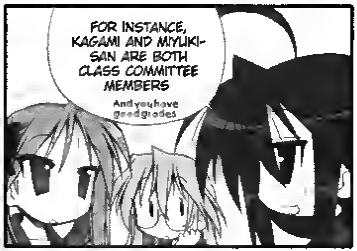
ISN'T YOUR "USUAL" A BIT ON THE RISKY SIDE?
AND SO, I'M PRETTY CONFI-DENT THIS TIME AROUND
You know, like I'm feeling like I have a bigger heart?
You haven't done anything right?
AHEM!

catalyst

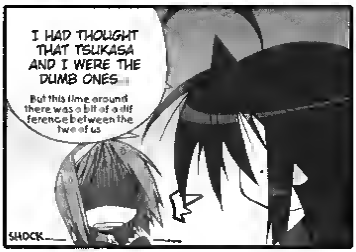




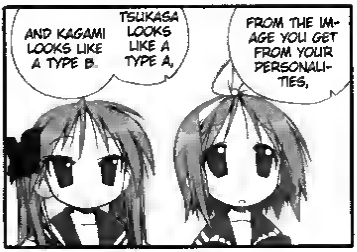
point of similarity



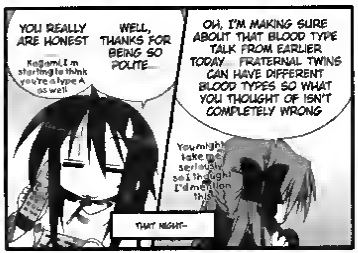
BUT THE GENRES WE PLAY ARE DIFFERENT
You like dating sims and RPGs while I mostly play shoot 'em up games
KAGAMI AND I BOTH LIKE TO PLAY GAMES!


I HAD THOUGHT THAT TSUKASA AND I WERE THE DUMB ONES...
But this time around there was a bit of a difference between the two of us
SHOCK

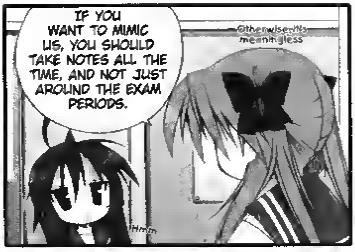
but still, type b

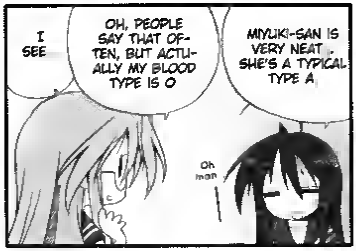


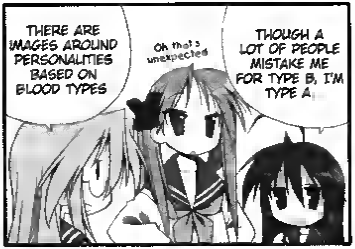
OH, THAT'S RIGHT.
OR RATHER, WE'RE TWINS
WE'RE BOTH TYPE B,
I even looked this
Though I don't do things at my own pace as much as you do
Pe!

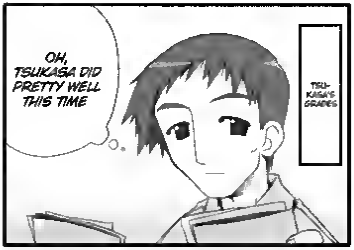

YOU REALLY ARE HONEST
WELL, THANKS FOR BEING SO POLITE
Kagami,I'm starting to think you're a type A as well
OH, I'M MAKING SURE ABOUT THAT BLOOD TYPE TALK FROM EARLIER TODAY. FRATERNAL TWINS CAN HAVE DIFFERENT BLOOD TYPES SO WHAT YOU THOUGHT OF ISN'T COMPLETELY WRONG
You might take me seriously, so I thought I'd mention this.
THAT NIGHT-

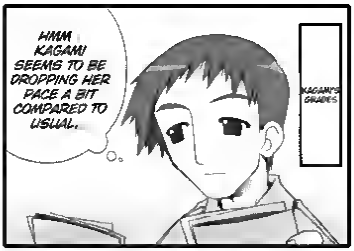
that feeling

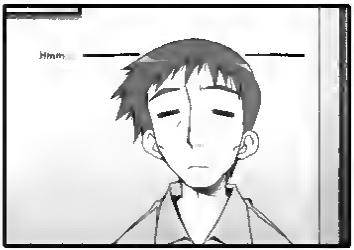

IF YOU WANT TO MIMIC US, YOU SHOULD TAKE NOTES ALL THE TIME, AND NOT JUST AROUND THE EXAM PERIODS.
Otherwise it's meaningless
Hmm

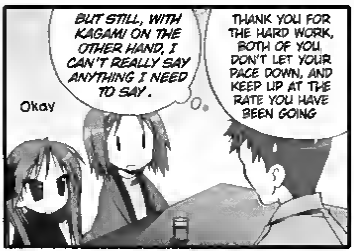


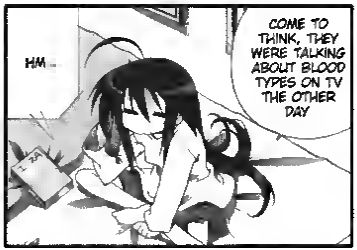

THERE ARE IMAGES AROUND PERSONALITIES BASED ON BLOOD TYPES
Oh that's unexpected
THOUGH A LOT OF PEOPLE MISTAKE ME FOR TYPE B, I'M TYPE A.


OH, TSUKASA DID PRETTY WELL THIS TIME
TSUKASA'S GRADES

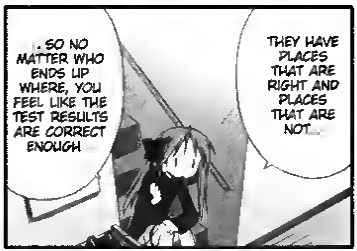

HMM... KAGAMI SEEMS TO BE DROPPING HER PACE A BIT COMPARED TO USUAL.
KAGAMI'S GRADES


Hmm


BUT STILL, WITH KAGAMI ON THE OTHER HAND, I CAN'T REALLY SAY ANYTHING I NEED TO SAY.
THANK YOU FOR THE HARD WORK, BOTH OF YOU. DON'T LET YOUR PACE DOWN, AND KEEP UP AT THE RATE YOU HAVE BEEN GOING
Okay

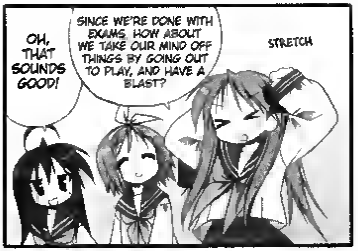

HM...
COME TO THINK, THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT BLOOD TYPES ON TV THE OTHER DAY

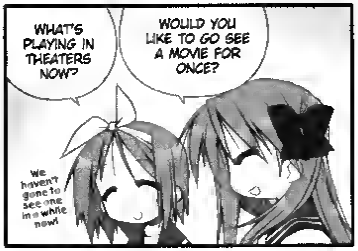
OR RATHER, FOR PERSONALITY TESTS, AND I MEAN NOT JUST BLOOD TYPE TESTS.

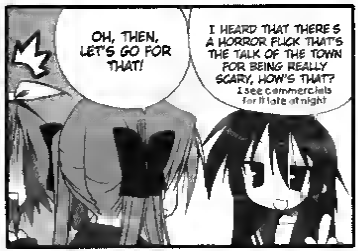

...SO NO MATTER WHO ENDS UP WHERE, YOU FEEL LIKE THE TEST RESULTS ARE CORRECT ENOUGH
THEY HAVE PLACES THAT ARE RIGHT AND PLACES THAT ARE NOT...

YOUR LIFE WILL DEFINITELY BE BORING, YOU KNOW?
Why can't you act more your age or some thing?
You're acting too cold
KAGAMI, IF YOU KEEP SAYING SUCH REALISTIC THINGS...

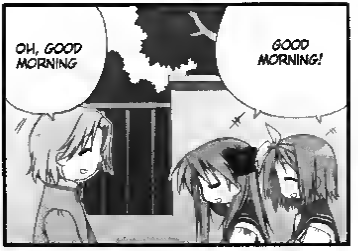
maintaining tension

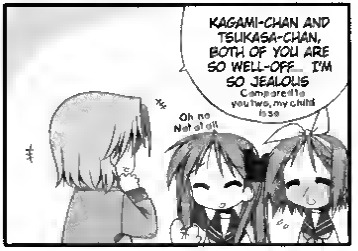

OH, THAT SOUNDS GOOD!
SINCE WE'RE DONE WITH EXAMS, HOW ABOUT WE TAKE OUR MIND OFF THINGS BY GOING OUT TO PLAY, AND HAVE A BLAST?
STRETCH

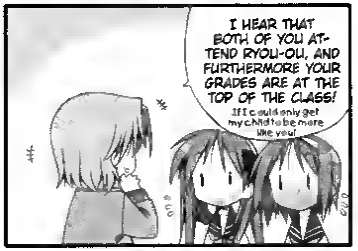



OH, THEN, LET'S GO FOR THAT!
I HEARD THAT THERE'S A HORROR FLICK THAT'S THE TALK OF THE TOWN FOR BEING REALLY SCARY, HOW'S THAT?
I see commercials for it late at night

a fox worrying about the tiger's skin



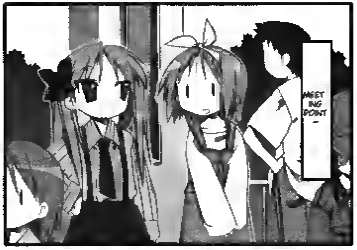


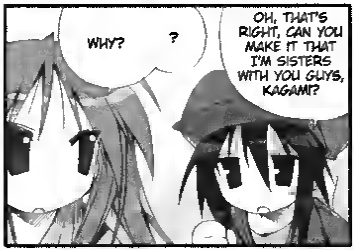

I HEAR THAT BOTH OF YOU ATTEND RYOU-OU, AND FURTHERMORE YOUR GRADES ARE AT THE TOP OF THE CLASS!
If I could only get my child to be more like you!

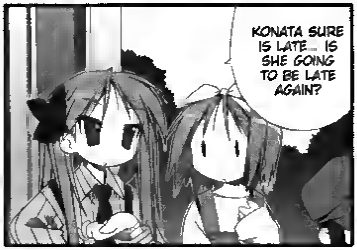
scale

sign

WELL, WE DON'T HAVE ANY TIME, SO LET'S GO IN
DASH

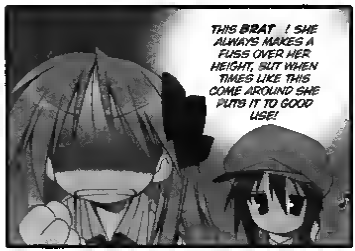

MEETING POINT

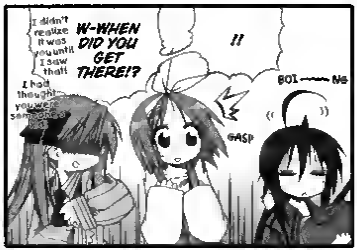

OH, THAT'S RIGHT, CAN YOU MAKE IT THAT I'M SISTERS WITH YOU GUYS, KAGAMI?
WHY? ?


KONATA SURE IS LATE... IS SHE GOING TO BE LATE AGAIN?

WELL, THAT WOULD LET ME GO IN WITH THE CHILDREN'S PRICE WITH LESS SUSPICION
COME

I thought she'd be going to school...
Geez
THERE'S NO WAY THAT SHE WOULD SHOW UP BEFORE US, EITHER...


THIS BRAT ! SHE ALWAYS MAKES A FUSS OVER HER HEIGHT, BUT WHEN TIMES LIKE THIS COME AROUND SHE PUTS IT TO GOOD USE!


I didn't realize it was you until I saw that!
I had thought you'd be sensible...
W-WHEN DID YOU GET THERE!?
!!
BOI
Me
GASP

route of obtaining

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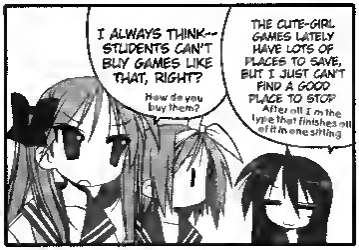
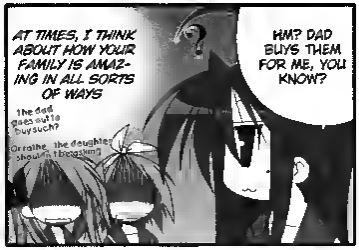
episode 22
game


I ALWAYS THINK--STUDENTS CAN'T BUY GAMES LIKE THAT, RIGHT?
How do you buy them?
THE CUTE-GIRL GAMES LATELY HAVE LOTS OF PLACES TO SAVE, BUT I JUST CAN'T FIND A GOOD PLACE TO STOP
After all I'm the type that finishes all of them one sitting


AT TIMES, I THINK ABOUT HOW YOUR FAMILY IS AMAZING IN ALL SORTS OF WAYS
the dad goes out to buy such?
Or rather, the daughter shouldn't be asking
HM? DAD BUYS THEM FOR ME, YOU KNOW?

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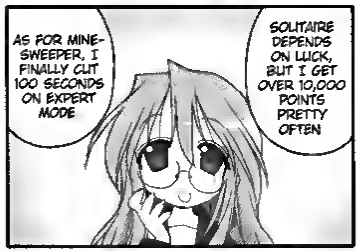
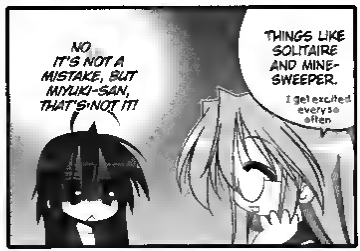
captain of playing games through

bursts

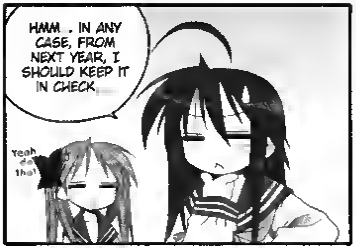
YUKI-CHAN, HOW GOOD ARE YOUR SCORES?
SIMPLE GAMES LIKE THAT YOU END UP GETTING REALLY ENGROSSED FOR SOME REASON.
I mean good at stuff like that

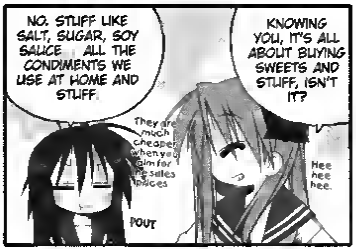

AS FOR MINE-SWEEPER, I FINALLY CUT 100 SECONDS ON EXPERT MODE
SOLITAIRE DEPENDS ON LUCK, BUT I GET OVER 10,000 POINTS PRETTY OFTEN

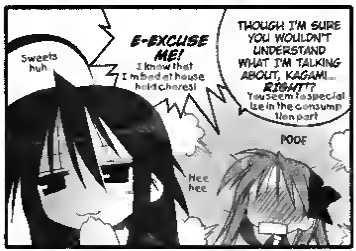
OH, WHAT KIND OF GAMES DO YOU PLAY LATELY?
this is very unexpected
OH, WE DO NOT HAVE ANY GAME CONSOLES, BUT WE DO HAVE A COMPUTER, SO I PLAY A SMALL BIT.



sleeping dogs lie

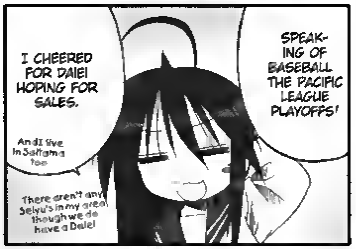



NO. STUFF LIKE SALT, SUGAR, SOY SAUCE ALL THE CONDIMENTS WE USE AT HOME AND STUFF.
KNOWING YOU, IT'S ALL ABOUT BUYING SWEETS AND STUFF, ISN'T IT?
They are much cheaper when you aim for the sales prices
Hee hee hee.
POUT


E-EXCUSE ME!
I know that I mbed at house hold chores!
Sweets huh
THOUGH I'M SURE YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT, KAGAMI... RIGHT?
You seem to special ize in the consump tion part
POOF
Hee hee

sneak attack

THE OLYMPICS, ICHIRO, THE BASEBALL LEAGUE PROBLEM. THERE WERE ALL SORTS INDEED
THERE WERE ALL SORTS OF THINGS GOING ON IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS THIS YEAR


I CHEERED FOR DAIEI HOPING FOR SALES.
SPEAK-ING OF BASEBALL THE PACIFIC LEAGUE PLAYOFFS!
And I live in Saitama too
There aren't any Seiyu's in my area though we do have a Daiei

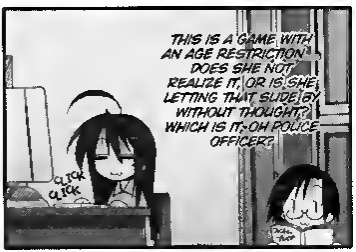
BUT THEY DID HAVE A "THANK YOU FOR CHEERING FOR US" SALE
IT WAS A SHAME THAT THEY DIDN'T WIN, THOUGH
Thanks a lot for making us think that way

IT'S NOT ONLY WHEN THEY WIN THE LEAGUE CHAMPION-SHIP!?
YOU'RE KIDDING!!
SLIDE
I understand how you feel- but at least check the ads
When I would have bought Diaei and stuff
WHY!?
Why are you sliding down so?

I'm here to visit!
OH, NEESAN. WELCOME.

A DATING SIM THAT CAME OUT RECENTLY.
WHAT ARE YOU PLAY-ING?
Hm?

OKAY
THEN, I'LL PICK SOME RANDOM MANGA TO READ
SNAP


THIS IS A GAME WITH AN AGE RESTRICTION? DOES SHE NOT REALIZE IT, OR IS SHE LETTING THAT SLIDE BY WITHOUT THOUGHT? WHICH IS IT, OH POLICE OFFICER?
CLICK CLICK

EYE DROPS? WANT ME TO HELP?
Hmm

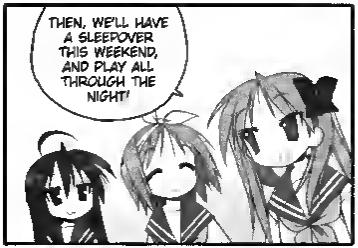
BEEP.
TWITCH
DRIP

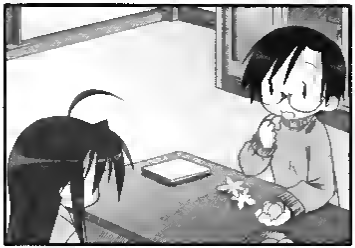
BEEP
DRIP

OH, I'M SORRY... IT IS NOT ON PURPOSE, BUT...
RUMBLE
GRASP
Your face is scary
RUMBLE

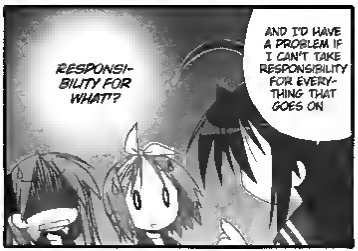
problematic point

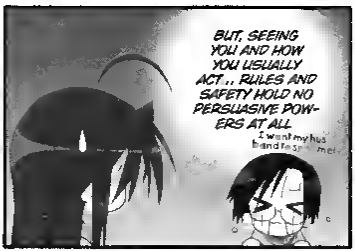
relative's point of view



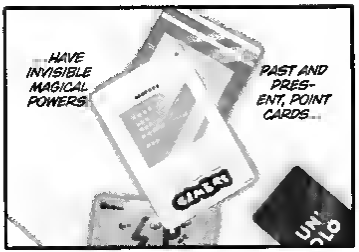


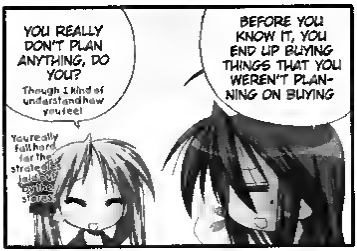
SOMETIMES, THE OFFENDER GETS MAD AT ME FOR DOING SO, TOO!
I'm really put in a bind!
WE HAVE REALLY MINISCULE CHECKS TO DO AND WE HAVE TO TAKE THE TIME TO EXPLAIN ALL THE TRAFFIC RULES.
This is really a big burden!

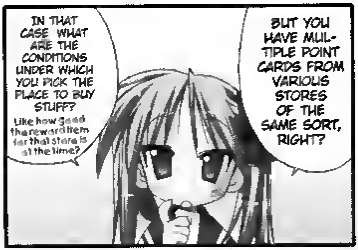




the one who surpasses




YOU REALLY DON'T PLAN ANYTHING, DO YOU?
Though I kind of understand how you feel
You really fall hard for the strategy and coupons stores
BEFORE YOU KNOW IT, YOU END UP BUYING THINGS THAT YOU WEREN'T PLANNING ON BUYING


IN THAT CASE WHAT ARE THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH YOU PICK THE PLACE TO BUY STUFF?
Like how good the reward item for that store is at the time?
BUT YOU HAVE MULTIPLE POINT CARDS FROM VARIOUS STORES OF THE SAME SORT, RIGHT?

I, AS A NORMAL PERSON, CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT HARD-CORE PEOPLE DO AFTER ALL!!
what do you mean by "mine"?
HM? I BUY 3 COPIES OF EVERYTHING, SO THAT COVERS FOR MOST THINGS, YOU KNOW?
The one to read, the one to keep and the one to animate

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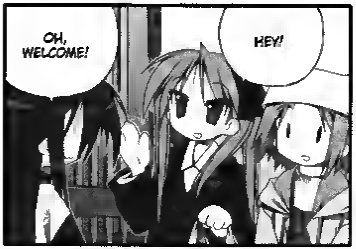

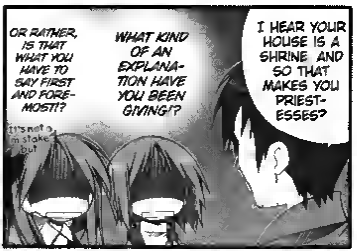
OR RATHER, IS THAT WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY FIRST AND FOREMOST!?
WHAT KIND OF AN EXPLANATION HAVE YOU BEEN GIVING!?
I HEAR YOUR HOUSE IS A SHRINE AND SO THAT MAKES YOU PRIESTESSES?

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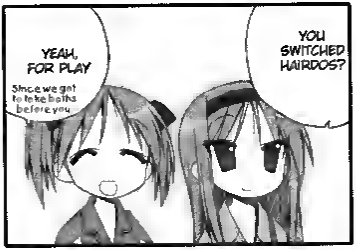
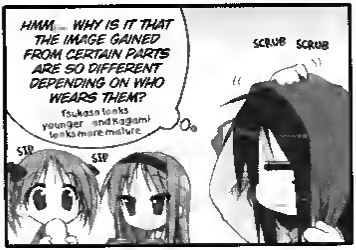
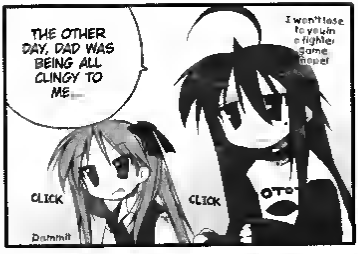
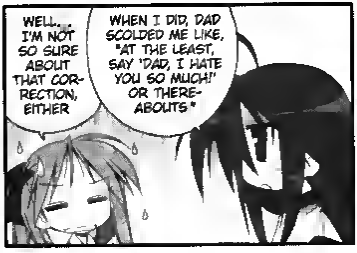
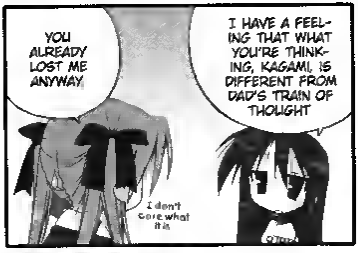



HMM... WHY IS IT THAT THE IMAGE GAINED FROM CERTAIN PARTS ARE SO DIFFERENT DEPENDING ON WHO WEARS THEM?
Tsukasa looks younger and Kagami looks more mature
SCRUB SCRUB
SIP
SIP

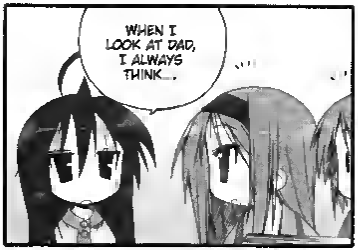
desires

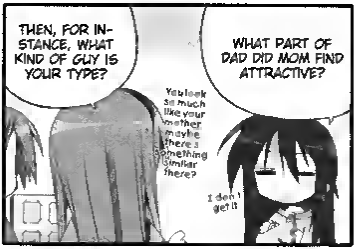


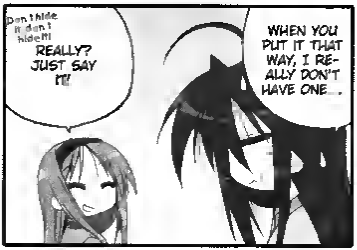

WELL... I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT THAT CORRECTION, EITHER
WHEN I DID, DAD SCOLDED ME LIKE, "AT THE LEAST, SAY 'DAD, I HATE YOU SO MUCH!' OR THEREABOUTS."

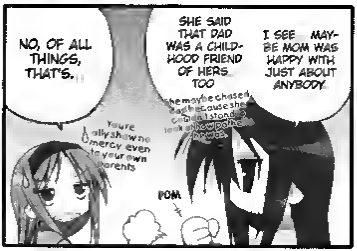

YOU ALREADY LOST ME ANYWAY.
I HAVE A FEELING THAT WHAT YOU'RE THINKING, KAGAMI, IS DIFFERENT FROM DAD'S TRAIN OF THOUGHT
I don't care what it is

you, right in front of me

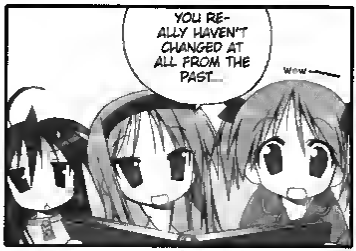


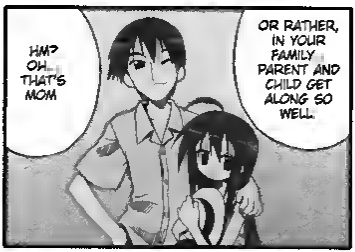

THEN, FOR INSTANCE, WHAT KIND OF GUY IS YOUR TYPE?
WHAT PART OF DAD DID MOM FIND ATTRACTIVE?
You look so much like your mother, maybe there's something similar there?
I don't get it

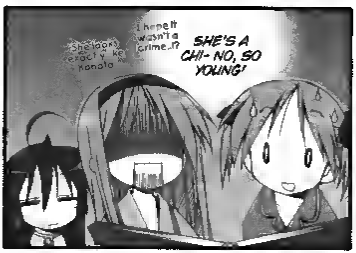


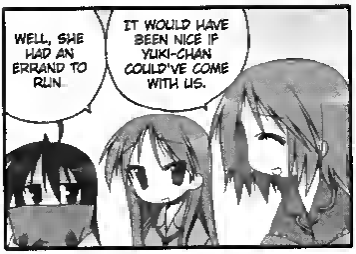

NO, OF ALL THINGS, THAT'S...
SHE SAID THAT DAD WAS A CHILDHOOD FRIEND OF HERS... TOO
I SEE... MAYBE MOM WAS HAPPY WITH JUST ABOUT ANYBODY.
You're really showing no mercy even to your own parents
POM

sepia-colored you

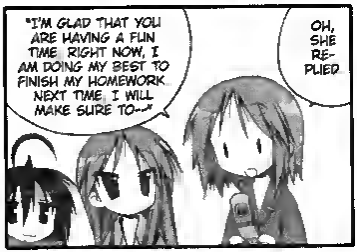








MIYUKI PROBABLY IS SENSITIVE ABOUT THAT KIND OF STUFF, SO IT'S BETTER YOU DON'T--
I know! I'll text Yuki-chan! She won't feel lonely!

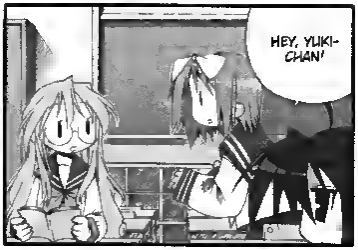

"I'M GLAD THAT YOU ARE HAVING A FUN TIME. RIGHT NOW, I AM DOING MY BEST TO FINISH MY HOMEWORK. NEXT TIME, I WILL MAKE SURE TO--"
OH, SHE REPLIED.

you, in front of the mirror

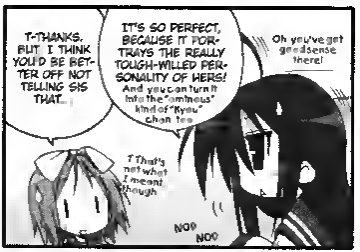
MANGA AND GAMES LATELY HAVE LOTS OF CHARACTERS LIKE JUNIOR HIGH KIDS THAT ARE MATURE FOR THEIR AGE, OR ADULTS WHO ACT IMMATURE.
Like people that seem impulsive.
...THEY TOOK THE RESPONSE OUT.

Lucky☆Star

episode 24
conditions don't change



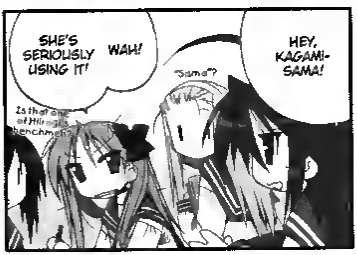
I THINK IT WOULD BE KYOU-CHAN like kyou the other way to read the kanji for Kagami
Kaga chan? Gami chan?
TSUKASA, WHAT KIND OF A NICKNAME WOULD YOU GIVE KAGAMI?
Though Sis will always be Sis


T-THANKS, BUT I THINK YOU'D BE BETTER OFF NOT TELLING SIS THAT...
IT'S SO PERFECT, BECAUSE IT PORTRAYS THE REALLY TOUGH-WILLED PERSONALITY OF HERS! And you can turn it into the "ambitious" kind of "Kyou-chan" too
Oh you've got good sense there!
? That's not what I meant though
NO? NO?

● January 2005 issue, Shonen Ace

THEN, HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE CALLED?
CAN IT BE THAT YOU'RE CALLING FOR ME? (Stop it because I have a hard time comprehending!)
KYOU-CHAN!
HEY, KYOU-CHAN!

COMIC
HMM... THEN, HOW ABOUT "KAGAMI-SAMA"?


SHE'S SERIOUSLY USING IT!
WAH!
HEY, KAGAMI-SAMA!
"Sama"?
Is that one of Hiiragi's henchmen?

I'M SORRY, IT'S MY FAULT SO PLEASE, CALL ME LIKE YOU NORMALLY DO.
WAH?
SORRY TO MAKE YOU WAIT, KAGAMI-SAMA!
GR
QB

HMM... I THINK, PROBABLY "HII-CHAN"? (It's hard to come up with a nick name from my first name)
THEN, IF YOU WERE TO GIVE YOURSELF A NICKNAME, WHAT WOULD IT BE?
Tsuka-chan? Kasa-chan?

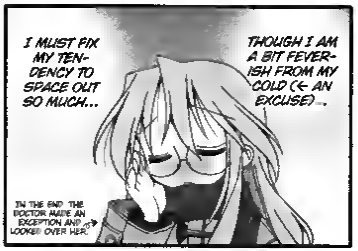
I SEE IT'S TRUE THAT YOU HAVE AN IMAGE THAT YOU ALWAYS ARE SHRIEKING AROUND LIKE, "HEE! HEE!"
Though that's not what I meant either

EH?
ALL RIGHT FROM NOW ON, I'LL CALL YOU "HII-CHAN," TSUKASA

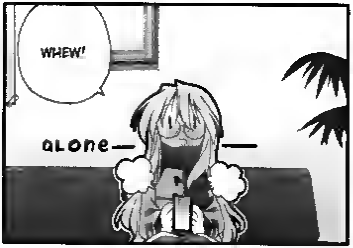
HA HA HA. WELL, DON'T YOU SOMEHOW GET A BAD FEELING? I mean if it's a nickname that you came up with yourself?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "EH?" HUH? HUH?? You just decided for yourself, didn't you?

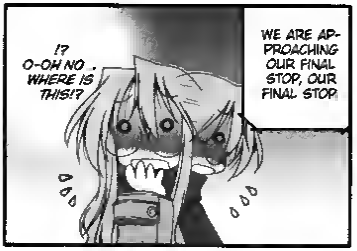
miss miyuki

miss clumsy

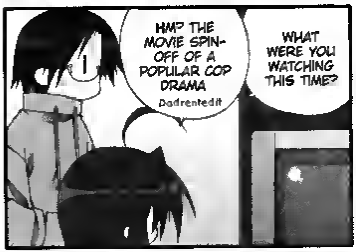

I MUST FIX MY TENDENCY TO SPACE OUT SO MUCH...
THOUGH I AM A BIT FEVERISH FROM MY COLD (<- AN EXCUSE)...
IN THE END THE DOCTOR MADE AN EXCEPTION AND LOOKED OVER HER.

FROM THE RECEPTION NUMBER, IT LOOKS LIKE IT WILL TAKE A WHILE...
I'll just read a book and wait here.
MIYUKI CAME TO THE HOSPITAL WITH A COLD~



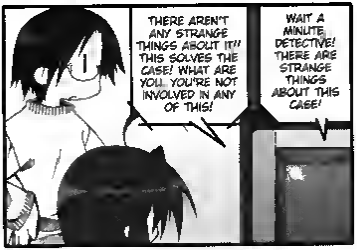


don't lose, police



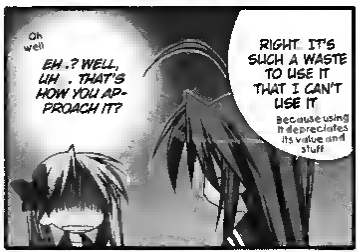
AND YOU DENY THIS PART!!?
Isn't this the part to be proud of!?
But it's so cool!
NO NO, NO. THAT'S NOT IT. SUCH A PASSIONATE TURN OF EVENTS NEVER HAPPEN!

do your best, police


THERE AREN'T ANY STRANGE THINGS ABOUT IT!! THIS SOLVES THE CASE! WHAT ARE YOU, YOU'RE NOT INVOLVED IN ANY OF THIS!
WAIT A MINUTE, DETECTIVE! THERE ARE STRANGE THINGS ABOUT THIS CASE!

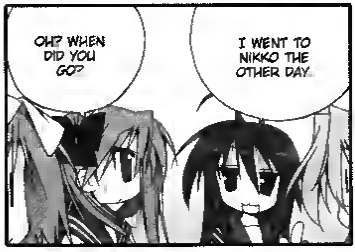
obtained item

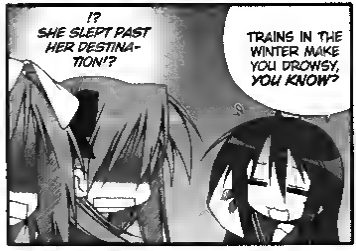
THOUGH I KNOW IT'S FOR THE POINTS, BUT YOU REALLY DO SO MUCH
You really like this stuff don't you
I'M AMAZED YOU'D SHELL OUT THE TRANSPORTATION COSTS TO SWING BY...
SO, I WENT TO GAMERS AGAIN LAST SUNDAY TO BUY SOME MANGA.
MUNCH
MUNCH


Oh well
EH.? WELL, UH . THAT'S HOW YOU APPROACH IT?
RIGHT. IT'S SUCH A WASTE TO USE IT THAT I CAN'T USE IT
Because using it depreciates its value and stuff

●December issue, From Gamers

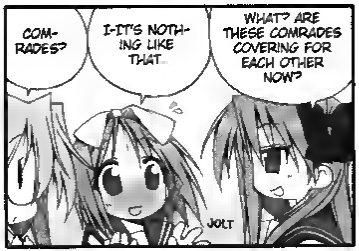
episode 25
season for sleep



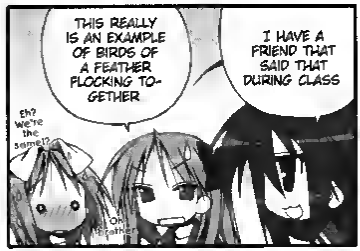


● 2005 Winter issue, Ace Momo-gumi

stock phrase

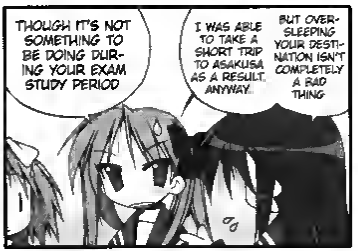


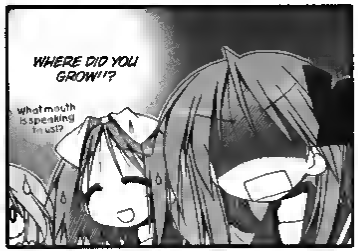
THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID! IN A LOUD VOICE IN HER SLEEP. EVERYONE AROUND US WAS LAUGH-ING AT HER.
MM.. FIVE MORE MINUTES.. HONEST!
THE OTHER DAY, WHEN I WOKE HER UP ON THE TRAIN HOME
Hey, wake u we're he e


THIS REALLY IS AN EXAMPLE OF BIRDS OF A FEATHER FLOCKING TO-GETHER
I HAVE A FRIEND THAT SAID THAT DURING CLASS
Eh? We're the same!?
Oh, feather

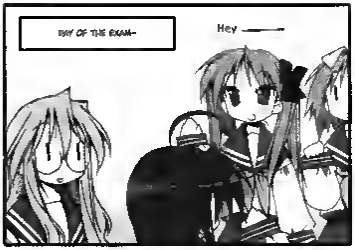
merits

COME ON, THERE'S GOT TO BE LIMITS ON HOW MUCH YOU OVERSLEEP YOUR DESTINATION.
How many hours do you think is Nikka from your place?
Hmm


THOUGH IT'S NOT SOMETHING TO BE DOING DUR-ING YOUR EXAM STUDY PERIOD
I WAS ABLE TO TAKE A SHORT TRIP TO ASAKUSA AS A RESULT, ANYWAY.
BUT OVER-SLEEPING YOUR DESTI-NATION ISN'T COMPLETELY A BAD THING

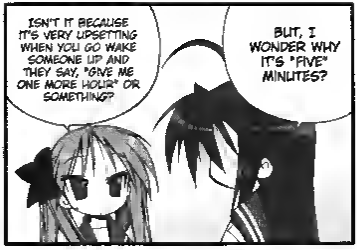


ruler



I COULDN'T STUDY AT ALL LAST NIGHT BECAUSE I HAD ERRANDS TO RUN
Hmm
ON THE OTHER HAND I'M PRETTY PSYCHED THIS TIME. thought I hate to say so myself
I see

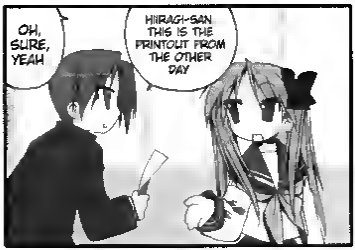
wishful thinking


ISN'T IT BECAUSE IT'S VERY UPSETTING WHEN YOU GO WAKE SOMEONE UP AND THEY SAY, "GIVE ME ONE MORE HOUR" OR SOMETHING?
BUT, I WONDER WHY IT'S "FIVE" MINUTES?

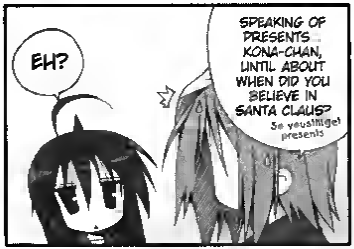
HM, YOU'RE RIGHT
WELL, THAT'S TRUE, BUT IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT SLEEP THAT YOU SAY "FIVE MINUTES" A LOT.
Like "Hold on for five minutes" and stuff

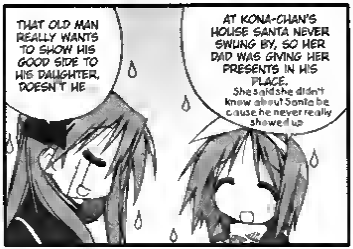
THAT MAY BE IT BUT IN GENERAL
MAYBE IT'S NOT TOO LONG AND NOT TOO SHORT.
Though five minutes spent waiting for a train seems like a really long time.
You're right

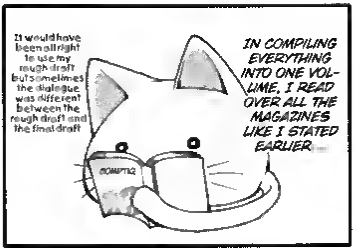
hey

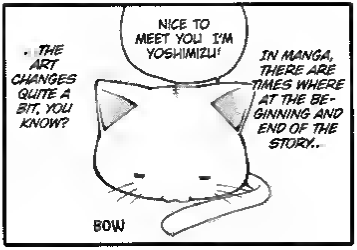


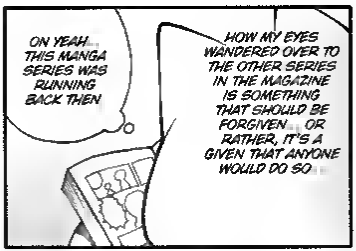
present for you




THAT OLD MAN REALLY WANTS TO SHOW HIS GOOD SIDE TO HIS DAUGHTER, DOESN'T HE
AT KONA-CHAN'S HOUSE SANTA NEVER SWUNG BY, SO HER DAD WAS GIVING HER PRESENTS IN HIS PLACE.
She said she didn't know about Santa because he never really showed up.

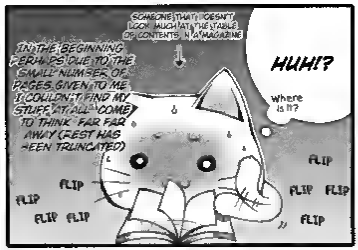

It would have been all right to use my rough draft but sometimes the dialogue was different between the rough draft and the final draft
IN COMPILING EVERYTHING INTO ONE VOLUME, I READ OVER ALL THE MAGAZINES LIKE I STATED EARLIER...


NICE TO MEET YOU I'M YOSHIMIZU!
THE ART CHANGES QUITE A BIT, YOU KNOW?
IN MANGA, THERE ARE TIMES WHERE AT THE BEGINNING AND END OF THE STORY..
BOW


ON YEAH... THIS MANGA SERIES WAS RUNNING BACK THEN
HOW MY EYES WANDERED OVER TO THE OTHER SERIES IN THE MAGAZINE IS SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE FORGIVEN... OR RATHER, IT'S A GIVEN THAT ANYONE WOULD DO SO...

I HAD BEEN TRYING MY BEST WHILE DRAWING EACH AND EVERY TIME SO THAT I WOULDN'T BE EMBARRASSED LIKE, "WOW, THE ART IS SO DIFFERENT FROM WHEN I STARTED." WHEN I LOOKED BACK ON MY PAST STUFF..

...AND FELT THAT IT WAS VASTLY DIFFERENT FROM HOW IT IS NOW.
BUT WHEN I GOT TO PREPARING FOR THE COMPILED VOLUME, AND READ OVER EVERYTHING FROM THE BEGINNING...
Especially the three girls in the very first episode
THE "COOL" KONATA THAT PROBABLY WILL NEVER SHOW UP AGAIN (AT FIRST THIS WAS HER DEFAULT FORM)


SOMEONE THAT'S URGENT LOOK MUCH AT THE TABLE OF CONTENTS IN A MAGAZINE
HUH!?
Where is it?
IN THE BEGINNING PERHAPS DUE TO THE SMALL NUMBER OF PAGES GIVEN TO ME, I COULDN'T FIND MY STUFF AT ALL... COME TO THINK FAR FAR AWAY (REST HAS BEEN TRUNCATED)
FLIP
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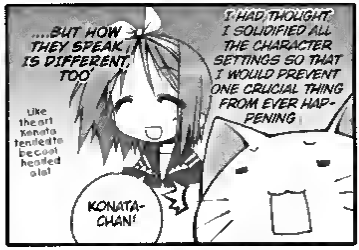
....BUT HOW THEY SPEAK, IS DIFFERENT, TOO.
I HAD THOUGHT I SOLIDIFIED ALL THE CHARACTER SETTINGS SO THAT I WOULD PREVENT ONE CRUCIAL THING FROM EVER HAPPENING
Like the art Konata tendeto be cool headed also!
KONATA-CHAN!

* BY THE WAY, THE DIALOGUE HAS BEEN "FIXED" IN VARIOUS PLACES SO I BELIEVE ONLY THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE MAGAZINES THAT THE EPISODES WERE ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED IN WILL FEEL ANY AWKWARDNESS

An afterword of GREAT THANKS!

* LET'S SEE... WHAT SHOULD I START WITH... FIRST, THANK YOU FOR PICKING THIS BOOK UP INTO YOUR HANDS. THE FACT THAT YOU ARE HOLDING THIS BOOK MEANS THAT FINALLY CTO PUT IT ONE WAY... AT LAST, I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PUT ALL OF THIS TOGETHER INTO ONE FORM OR ANOTHER. >.<
* LUCKY STAR STARTED AS A "REST STOP" TYPE MANGA TWO YEARS AGO IN COMPTIQ. BUT TO THINK THAT IT WOULD REALLY TURN INTO A COMPILED VOLUME... I CANNOT PUT TO WORDS WELL. THIS STRANGE FEELING THAT I HAVE... A MIXTURE OF WONDER AND HAPPINESS.
* BUT THERE IS ONE THING THAT I CAN CLEARLY SAY: THE FACT THAT THIS WORK WAS ABLE TO SEE SUCH A MATERIAL FORM IS THANKS TO EVERYONE AROUND ME ~ MY EDITORS THAT LED THE WAY FOR ME, FRIENDS WHO I HAVE LEANED ON, AND ALL THE FANS WHO SUPPORTED THE SERIES. "HONESTLY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH"
* I BELIEVE THIS RAMBUNCTIOUS DAILY LIFE WILL CONTINUE FOR A WHILE TO COME, BUT PLEASE, PLEASE, I GIVE YOU MY BEST REGARDS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!

EDITORS
KATO-SAN
SHINYA-SAN

PRODUCER
KATO-SAN

SPECIAL THANKS
TADA-SAN
KADOTANI-SAN
NABE-CHAN
YAMAGUCHI-SAN
INOCHI-KUN
KAZUKI RYOSHIMA-KUN
AND EVERYONE WHO HAS PICKED UP THIS BOOK

--BY KAGAMI YOSHIMIZU, NOVEMBER 2004

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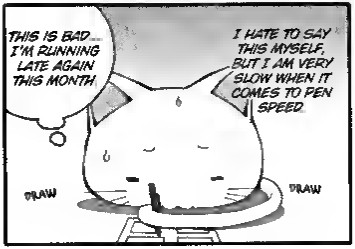
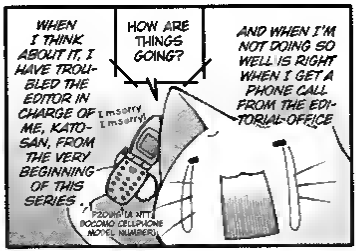
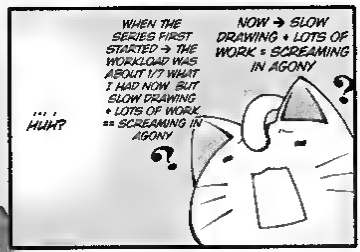
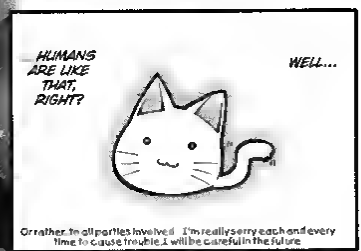



WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT, I HAVE TROUBLED THE EDITOR IN CHARGE OF ME, KATO-SAN, FROM THE VERY BEGINNING OF THIS SERIES...
HOW ARE THINGS GOING?
I'm sorry! I'm sorry!
PZONGTA NTT DOCOMO CELLPHONE MOTEL NUMBER)
AND WHEN I'M NOT DOING SO WELL IS RIGHT WHEN I GET A PHONE CALL FROM THE EDITORIAL OFFICE


... , HUH?
WHEN THE SERIES FIRST STARTED → THE WORKLOAD WAS ABOUT 1/7 WHAT I HAD NOW. BUT SLOW DRAWING + LOTS OF WORK == SCREAMING IN AGONY
NOW → SLOW DRAWING + LOTS OF WORK = SCREAMING IN AGONY


HUMANS ARE LIKE THAT, RIGHT?
WELL...
Or rather, to all parties involved. I'm really sorry each and every time to cause trouble. I will be careful in the future.

TRANSLATOR NOTES

P.3 **-CHAN** HONORIFIC USUALLY FOR, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, GIRLS OR SMALL KIDS.

P.4 **CHOCO-CORONET** A STAPLE OF THE LOCAL JAPANESE BAKERY. A SEASHELL-LOOKING BREAD (LIKE SHOWN IN THE MANGA) USUALLY SLIGHTLY SWEETENED, AND FILLED WITH CHOCOLATE CUSTARD

P.5 **-SAN** HONORIFIC. STANDARD FARE FOR ADULTS OF BOTH GENDERS. MINIMUM LEVEL OF POLITENESS IN MOST BUSINESS SITUATIONS (THERE ARE EXCEPTIONS LIKE THE BOSS CAN ADDRESS HIS WORKERS WITH -KUN OR -CHAN, BUT ONCE AGAIN, THEY'RE EXCEPTIONS.)

P.7 **HOMEWORK** MOST SCHOOLS GIVE THEIR STUDENTS HOMEWORK TO DO OVER THE SUMMER BREAK. (NOTE THAT 1ST TRIMESTER STARTS IN APRIL, SO SUMMER VACATION IS THE BREAK BETWEEN THE 1ST AND 2ND TRIMESTERS.)
ONE-CHAN/NEESAN LITERALLY, "BIG SISTER," BUT CAN BE USED AS A PRONOUN FOR A WOMAN SLIGHTLY OLDER THAN YOU. I HAVE TRANSLITERATED IT TO "SIS" WHEN TSUKASA USES IT AS A PRONOUN FOR KAGAMI, AND KEPT "NEESAN" WHEN KONATA REFERS TO HER COUSIN YUI

P.12 **VALENTINE'S DAY** IN JAPAN, IT'S A DAY WHERE GIRLS GIVE GUYS CHOCOLATE (AND, IF APPLICABLE, ASK THE GUY OUT)

P.15 **MOE** I HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO FIND A REALLY SATISFACTORY ONE-WORD TRANSLATION FOR THIS WORD. NOT EXACTLY FETISH, NOT EXACTLY INFATUATION, NOT EXACTLY A TURN-ON... HMM...

P.23 **SPRING SLEEP** THE FULL JAPANESE PROVERB IS "SPRING SLEEP DOES NOT KNOW OF DAWN" MEANING PEOPLE TEND TO FEEL SLEEPY FROM THE WARMTH OF SPRING.

P.24 **SENSEI** LITERALLY, "TEACHER/INSTRUCTOR" BUT IT CAN BE USED AS A PRONOUN IN ADDRESSING PEOPLE SUCH AS TEACHERS, INSTRUCTORS, DOCTORS, POLITICIANS, AND LAWYERS. IT'S MORE "FORMAL" IN A WAY TO DO SO THAN CALLING THEM BY NAME, BUT WHEN IT GETS LITERALLY TRANSLATED INTO SOMETHING LIKE "HEY, TEACHER!" IT JUST DOESN'T SOUND RIGHT SO I USUALLY END UP TRANSLITERATING TO "SIR/MA'AM" WHEN IT IS THE CASE OF TEACHERS.

P.29 **SURVEY** JAPANESE HIGH SCHOOLS TEND TO DO SURVEYS OF WHAT THE STUDENTS ARE PLANNING TO DO ONCE THEY GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL... AND THEIR HOMEROOM TEACHERS USE THAT TO GIVE THEM ADVICE ON WHAT TO STUDY AND WHATNOT.
AMINO-SHIKI A SPORTS DRINK IN JAPAN (OFFICIALLY "NENSHOUKEI AMINO-SHIKI"). THE COMMERCIALS IN QUESTION CAN BE FOUND ON THE 'NET, LIKE THE ONE I FOUND ON YOUTUBE (HYPERLINK "HTTP://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=VVKNRXKLOTG)

P.31 **EXTENDED BROADCAST** JAPANESE SPORTS COVERAGE CAN EXTEND BROADCAST TIME (USUALLY UP TO A HALF HOUR) IF THE GAME DOESN'T END IN THE SCHEDULED TIME SLOT. WHEN THIS HAPPENS, ALL SUBSEQUENT PROGRAMMING GETS PUSHED BACK OR CANCELLED, AS KONATA MENTIONED.

P.33 **ROMAN** THIS IS A WORD THAT I OFTEN HAVE TROUBLE TRANSLATING, AS IT'S NOT TEXTBOOK "ROMANTICISM" AND DEFINITELY NOT "ROMANTIC/ROMANCE" WHEN USED IN JAPANESE CONVERSATIONS FOR THE MOST PART. I TEND TO USE "IDEALISTIC" AS I DID HERE ("IDEALS")

P.34 **MAY BLUES** A LOT OF JAPANESE PEOPLE TEND TO BECOME DEPRESSED IN MAY, AS THEY FIND TROUBLE GETTING ACCUSTOMED TO THEIR NEW LIFE (NEW SCHOOL, STARTING OUT IN THE WORKING WORLD, ETC) THAT STARTED IN APRIL SUCH THAT THE "GROWING PAINS" DEPRESSION HAS ITS OWN TERM.
COMP-FEST COMPTIQ (THE MAGAZINE THAT THE LUCKY STAR MANGA IS SERIALIZED IN) HAS "SEND US STAMPS, WE SEND YOU QUO CARDS PRINTED WITH ILLUSTRATIONS FROM SERIES RUNNING IN OUR MAGAZINE" GIVEAWAYS.
QUO CARD A PREPAID CARD THAT CAN BE USED IN PLACES LIKE CONVENIENCE STORES, FAST FOOD JOINTS, GAS STATIONS, DRUG STORES, AND CD SHOPS. WITH THE INCREASE IN CELLPHONE USAGE (I.E. LACK OF PUBLIC TELEPHONE USAGE), IT HAS REPLACED TELEPHONE CARDS (CARDS WITH PREPAID MINUTES ON PUBLIC TELEPHONES) AS THE "PRINTED MATTER OF CHOICE" IN MANGA/ANIME MAGAZINE GIVEAWAYS.

P.39 **CHANGING UNIFORMS** JAPANESE SCHOOLS HAVE A "SUMMER UNIFORM" AND A "WINTER UNIFORM" TO KEEP STUDENTS FROM FEELING TOO HOT IN THE SUMMER AND TOO COLD IN THE WINTER.

P.43 **KAGAMIN** KONATA OFTEN CALLS KAGAMI AS "KAGAMIN". THINK OF IT AS A NICKNAME.

P.69 **MEGANEKKOGEKILOVE** TRANSLATED, "SERIOUS_LOVE_OF_GIRLS_WITH_EYEGLASSES". WHAT A TEXT ADDRESS TO CHOOSE, SERIOUSLY! FYI, KONATA'S ACTUAL LINE HERE IS (MY TEXT ADDRESS IS "MEGANEKKOGEKILOVE" IN ROMAJI.) BUT I HAVE DECIDED TO OMIT "IN ROMAJI" BECAUSE THAT DOESN'T REALLY MAKE SENSE IN THIS ENGLISH-SPEAKING REALM - KONATA JUST WANTED TO SAY THE USERNAME USES NOTHING BUT ENGLISH ALPHABET AS OPPOSED TO SOME FORM OF THE JAPANESE LANGUAGE (HIRAGANA/KATAKANA/KANJI) FOR PARTS OF IT.

P.90 **SCHOOL-SPEC. SWIMSUIT** EVERY SCHOOL HAS A POOL, AND ALL CLASSES HAVE PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES - HENCE, ALL STUDENTS ARE TAUGHT HOW TO SWIM. LIKE HOW THERE ARE UNIFORMS FOR EVERYTHING ELSE, THERE ARE BORING-LOOKING "UNIFORM" SWIMSUITS (USUALLY WITH CLASS AND NAME ON A PATCH ATTACHED SOMEWHERE ON THE FRONT END) THAT MUST BE WORN DURING THE

SWIMMING CLASSES. THERE ARE GUYS WHO HAVE FETISHES FOR GIRLS IN THESE "UNIFORM" SWIMSUITS - THAT'S WHAT KONATA IS REFERRING TO WHEN SHE SAYS "NEEDS FOR SUCH THINGS."

P.95 **TEXTBOOKS** ALL STUDENTS BUY TEXTBOOKS FROM 1ST GRADE, UNLIKE MOST AMERICAN SCHOOLS (K-12) THAT LEND TEXTBOOKS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR.

P.101 **AWW...** I'VE SEEN THE ORIGINAL INTERJECTION あう TO MEAN "OH NO", "UGH", OR "OUCH" AS WELL, BUT IN THIS CONTEXT I FELT LIKE IT WAS MORE OF A SYMPATHETIC "I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, THAT SUCKS" THING THAN ANYTHING ELSE - HENCE, "AWW."

P.102 **LIGHT NOVEL** BASICALLY, WHAT WE WOULD PERCEIVE AS "TEEN NOVELS". THEY'RE "LIGHT" NOVELS BECAUSE THEY'RE CONSIDERED LIGHTER/EASIER READING THAN NORMAL NOVELS, AND THE TARGET AUDIENCE IS TEENAGERS. A LOT OF THEM HAVE SOME TIES TO ANIME OR MANGA.
GAMERS A RETAIL CHAIN IN JAPAN THAT SPECIALIZES IN ANIME, MANGA, LIGHT NOVELS, GAMES, GOODS, AND CDS WHICH HAVE TO DO WITH SUCH GENRES.

P.105 **LOOSE ON TIME** SINCE IT'S "RU-ZU" LITERALLY IT WOULD BE MORE TOWARDS "RUDE" THAN "LOOSE." THE USAGE OF THE TERM IS "SOMEONE WHO IS INCONSIDERATE OF OTHERS AND IS NEVER PROMPT AT COMING AT REPORT TIME" IT REALLY CAN GO EITHER WAY, BUT I PERSONALLY THINK THAT "LOOSE" CONVEYS THE MEANING A BIT BETTER THAN "RUDE."

P.106 **FESTIVALS** THE ATHLETIC FESTIVAL (TAIIKUSAD AND ARTS/CULTURE FESTIVAL (BUNKASAD ARE STAPLE ALL-SCHOOL EVENTS OF JAPANESE EDUCATION. THE ATHLETIC FESTIVAL IS A MINI-OLYMPICS OF SORTS, WITH HOMEROOMS COMPETING AGAINST EACH OTHER IN ALL SORTS OF RACES. THE ARTS/CULTURE FESTIVAL (I USUALLY TRANSLATE IT AS "ARTS FESTIVAL" LIKE IN THE ANIME BUT I TRANSLATED IT AS "CULTURE FESTIVAL" IN THE MANGA DUE TO SOME OF MIYUKI'S LINES NOT MAKING SENSE IF I KEPT IT AS "ARTS") IS WHERE EACH HOMEROOM SHOWCASES SOMETHING, AND THE SCHOOL AS A WHOLE INVITES NON-STUDENT ATTENDEES TO VIEW THE SHOWCASES MUCH LIKE A ONE-DAY CONVENTION.

P.108 **LOTTE** THE "CHIBA LOTTE MARINES" IS ONE OF THE SIX TEAMS IN THE "PACIFIC LEAGUE." ONE OF THE TWO MAJOR LEAGUES IN NPB (NIPPON PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL).
HANSHIN TIGERS ONE OF THE SIX TEAMS IN THE "CENTRAL LEAGUE." THE OTHER MAJOR LEAGUE IN NPB.

P.117 **BREAD-EATING RACE** IT'S A TYPICAL DASH RACE WITH A TWIST - ABOUT MIDWAY ON THE RACETRACK ARE SEVERAL PIECES OF BREAD (ONE PER RUNNER) HANGING FROM STRINGS (USUALLY A TINY BIT HIGHER THAN WHERE THE AVERAGE RUNNER'S MOUTH IS), AND THE RUNNER HAS TO USE ONLY HIS/HER MOUTH (I.E. NO HANDS) TO GRAB ONE PIECE OF BREAD BEFORE PROCEEDING TO THE GOAL LINE.

P.131 **OLYMPICS** THE SUMMER GAMES IN ATHENS.
ICHIRO 2004 WAS WHEN HE SET THE MLB RECORD OF 262 BASE HITS IN ONE SEASON.
BASEBALL LEAGUE PROB. 2004 WAS A PROBLEMATIC YEAR FOR NPB - THE "ORIX BLUEWAVE" AND "OSAKA KINTETSU BUFFALOES" SUDDENLY ANNOUNCED AND POWERED THROUGH A MERGER, WHICH LED TO ARGUMENTS TO CONSOLIDATE THE PACIFIC LEAGUE AND CENTRAL LEAGUE INTO ONE GIANT PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL LEAGUE. THE PLAYERS' UNION SOUGHT TO SUSTAIN THE TWO-LEAGUE, 12-TEAM SETUP, AND EVEN WENT ON STRIKE FOR TWO DAYS IN MID-SEPTEMBER (NOTE: STILL MID-SEASON!) TO SHOW THEIR ANGER TOWARDS THE MERGER AND POLITICAL CRAP THAT SOME OF THE NPB OFFICIALS AND TEAM OWNERS WERE THROWING AT THE PLAYERS. IN THE END, THE CREATION OF A NEW BASEBALL TEAM FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 50 YEARS (THE "TOHOKU RAKUTEN GOLDEN EAGLES") ALLOWED FOR THE 12-TEAM TWO-LEAGUE SETUP THAT THE PLAYERS WANTED, PUTTING AN END (AT LEAST SUPERFICIALLY) TO THE PROBLEM. OTHER THAN THIS MAJOR DISASTER, THERE WERE SMALLER PROBLEMS INVOLVING THE FLOW OF MONEY CONCERNING THE TEAMS' OBTAINMENT OF PLAYERS OTHER THAN BY DRAFTING (WHICH LED TO THE RESIGNATION OF THREE TEAM OWNERS) AND DAIEI SELLING THEIR TEAM TO SOFTBANK.
DAIEI A CHAIN OF DEPARTMENT STORES THAT USED TO OWN A BASEBALL TEAM UNTIL THE END OF THE 2004 SEASON (THE "FUKUOKA DAIEI HAWKS"). NOTE THAT ALL DEPARTMENT STORES HAVE FOOD AND GROCERY SECTIONS IN THEIR STORES - SO KONATA'S LINE ABOUT "SUGAR" IS STILL APPROPRIATE.
SEIYU A CHAIN OF DEPARTMENT STORES OWNED BY THE SEIBU GROUP, THE FRANCHISE BEHIND THE TEAM "SAITAMA SEIBU LIONS." FYI, SEIYU IS A BIT LESS FORMAL (I.E. MORE LIKE A SUPERMARKET THAN A DEPARTMENT STORE IN AMERICAN EYES) THAN THE SEIBU DEPARTMENT STORE FRANCHISE.

P.140 **-SAMA** HONORIFIC. ONE NOTCH POLITER VERSION THAN -SAN IN A BUSINESS SETTING (USUALLY USED WHEN ADDRESSING CLIENTS), AND ONE NOTCH HIGHER RANK THAN -SAN IN OTHER SETTINGS (HENCE I USUALLY TRANSLATE IT AS "LORD/LADY" INSTEAD OF "MR/MS" IF IT NEEDS TRANSLATION).

P.142 **POPULAR COP-DRAMA** THE LINE "THE CASE DOESN'T HAPPEN IN THE BOARDROOM! IT HAPPENS AT THE CRIME SCENE!" IS FROM "ODORU DAISOUSASEN THE MOVIE" - THE LINE HAS BECOME SO POPULAR THAT IT HAS BECOME THE ONE LINE EVERYONE IN JAPAN THINKS OF WHEN THEY THINK OF THE SERIES.

P.147 **ANOTHER CLASS** KAGAMI IS LAMENTING THE FACT THAT NOBODY IN HER OWN HOMEROOM CLASS KNOWS HER WELL ENOUGH TO CALL HER BY HER FIRST NAME. (IT IS CONSIDERED A BIT RUDE IN JAPANESE SOCIETY TO CALL SOMEONE BY THEIR FIRST NAME IF YOU DON'T KNOW THAT PERSON WELL.)

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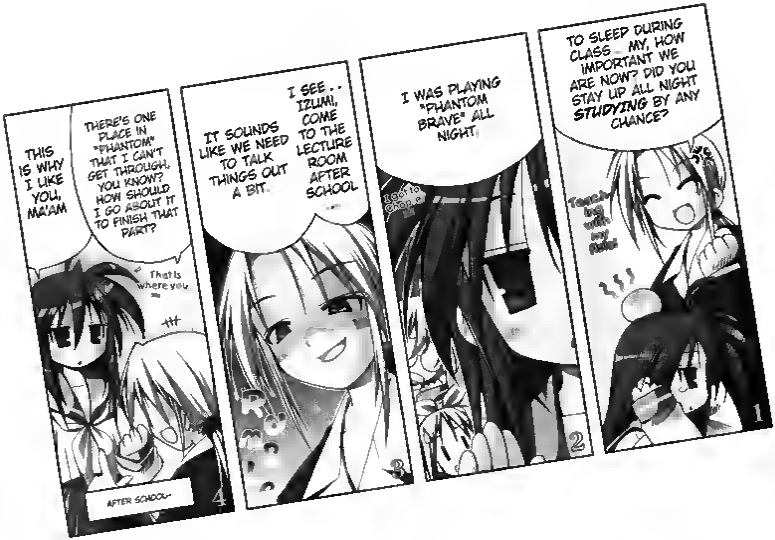
TO SLEEP DURING CLASS... MY, HOW IMPORTANT WE ARE NOW? DID YOU STAY UP ALL NIGHT STUDYING BY ANY CHANCE?
Teach her with my fists!
1
I WAS PLAYING "PHANTOM BRAVE" ALL NIGHT.
Back to basics.
2
I SEE... IZUMI, COME TO THE LECTURE ROOM AFTER SCHOOL...
IT SOUNDS LIKE WE NEED TO TALK THINGS OUT A BIT.
3
THIS IS WHY I LIKE YOU, MA'AM
THERE'S ONE PLACE IN "PHANTOM" THAT I CAN'T GET THROUGH, YOU KNOW? HOW SHOULD I GO ABOUT IT TO FINISH THAT PART?
That is where you...
AFTER SCHOOL...
4

Don't throw us away!
Don't sell us!
Please take good care of them...